

LANDFILL CAPPING AGENDA

- ▶ **NFESC (15 minutes)**
 - TAT Objectives, Services, Points of Contact
 - Kaneohe Alternative Landfill Cap Project
- ▶ **GeoSyntec Consultants (1.5 hours)**
 - Landfill Closure Systems
 - ▶ Regulatory Drivers
 - ▶ Final Cap Design
 - ▶ Innovative Caps
- ▶ **Army Corps of Engineers (1.5 hours)**
 - Construction Guidelines & QA/QC
 - Landfill Case Studies (Successes & Failures)
 - O&M Issues
 - Cost Analyses/Comparisons

TAT OBJECTIVES & SERVICES

- ▶ **Innovative Landfill Capping Projects**
 - MCBH Kaneohe, HI (Technology Demonstration)
 - MCB Camp Pendleton, CA (Implementation)

- ▶ **Technical Papers, Posters, Conferences, & Seminars**

- ▶ **Provide Training and Assistance**
 - Landfill Capping/Closure Issues
 - Innovative Technologies
 - Technical Library Information
 - Project Contacts and Coordination

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ALTERNATIVE LANDFILL CAPPING



NAVY LANDFILL OPERATIONS

Description:

The Navy has 200+ landfill sites that need a final resolution. Capping is the least expensive way to manage the risk, but it is still expensive. Alternative caps offer the same protection at lower costs compared to EPA caps.

Benefits:

- ▶ EPA RCRA C Cap costs \$1M / Acre
- ▶ EPA RCRA D Cap costs \$0.1M / Acre
- ▶ **Alternative Cap** costs \$0.05M / Acre

▶ Evapotranspiration (ET) Cap (Vegetative)

- Use of native vegetation to consume all water stored in the soil within the plant root zone

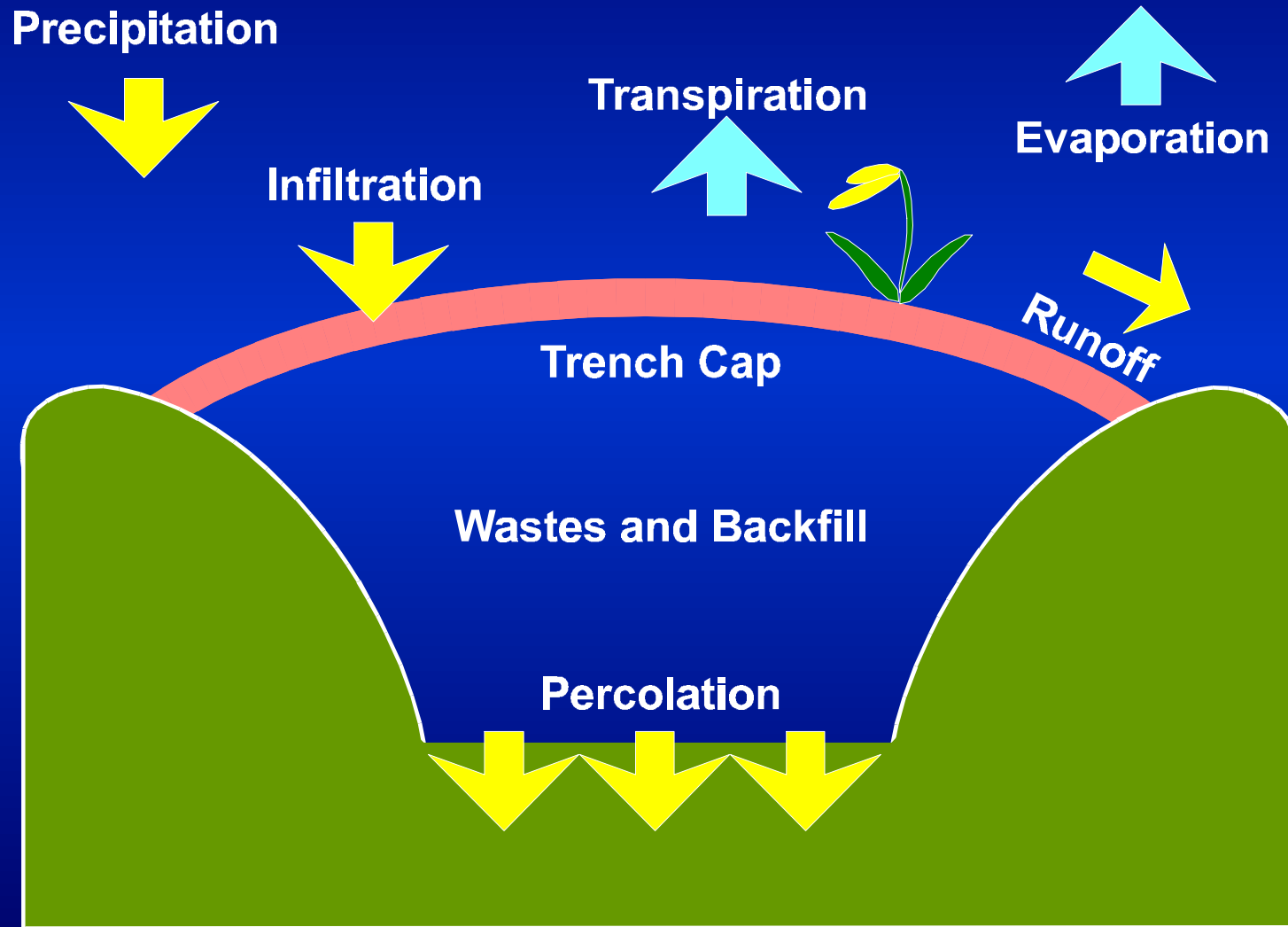
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▶ Water Harvesting Cap

- ET cap and impermeable structures to enhance runoff where ET alone is not sufficient

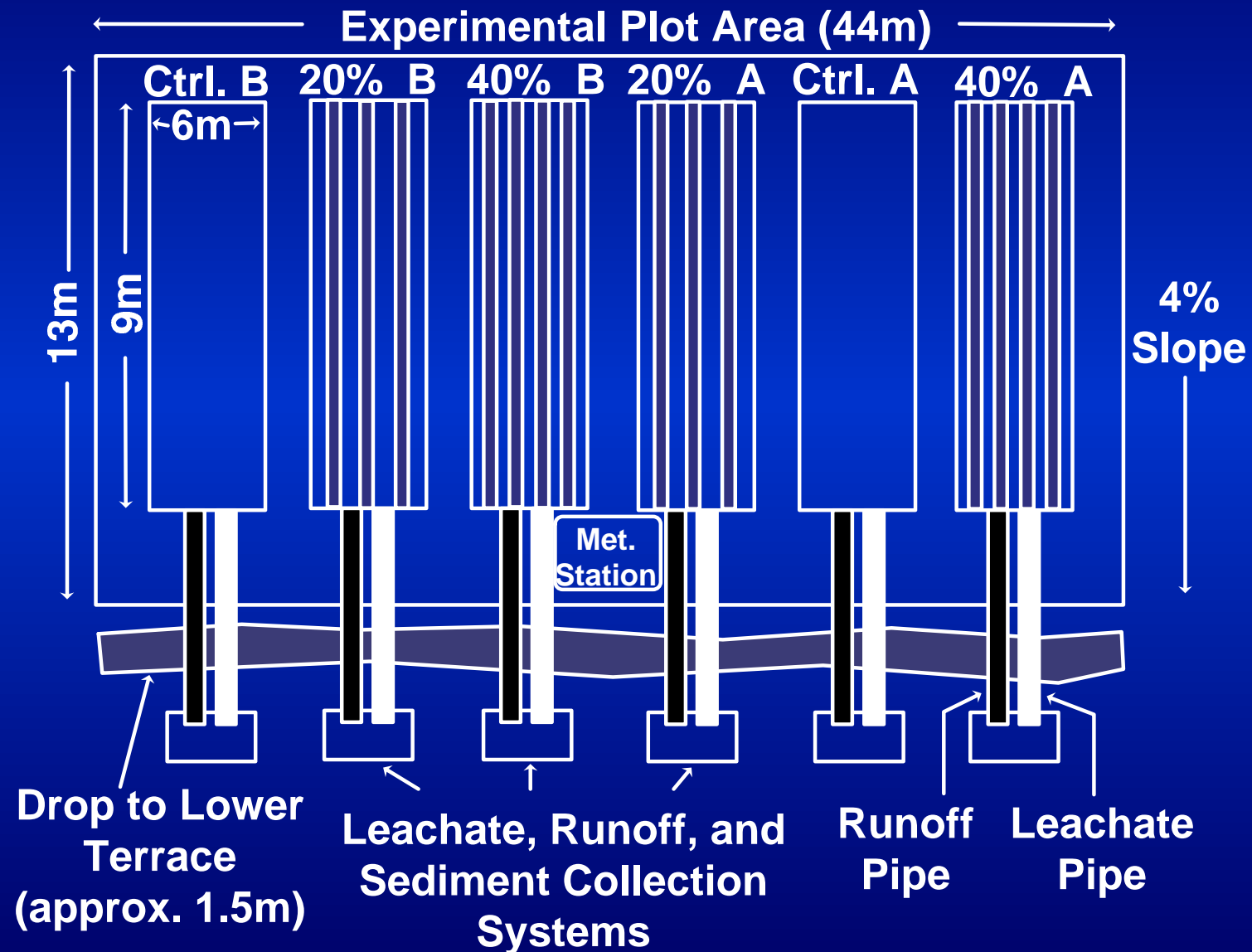
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WATER BALANCE



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EXPERIMENTAL PLOTS PLAN VIEW



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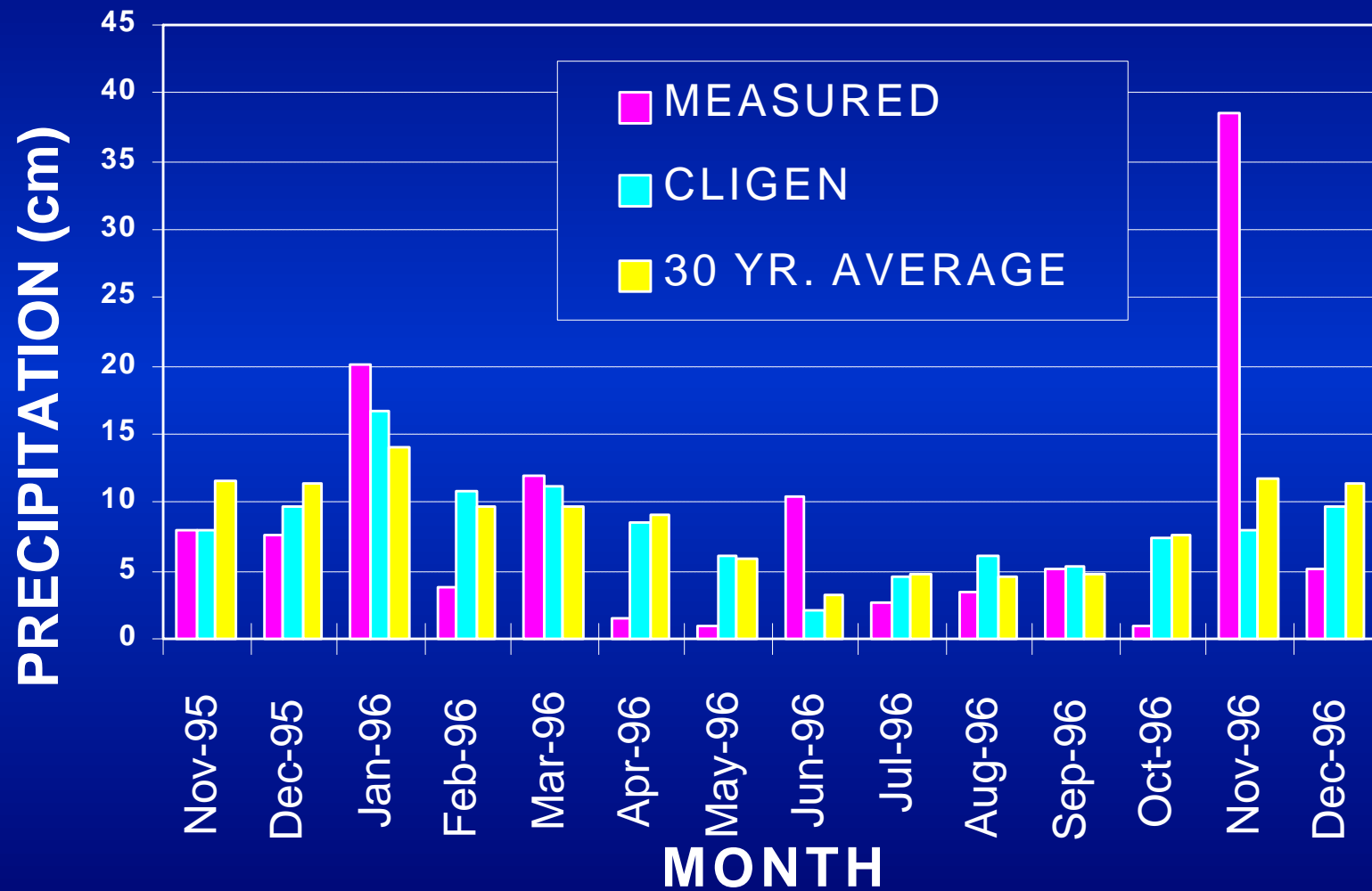
INITIAL PLOT CONSTRUCTION

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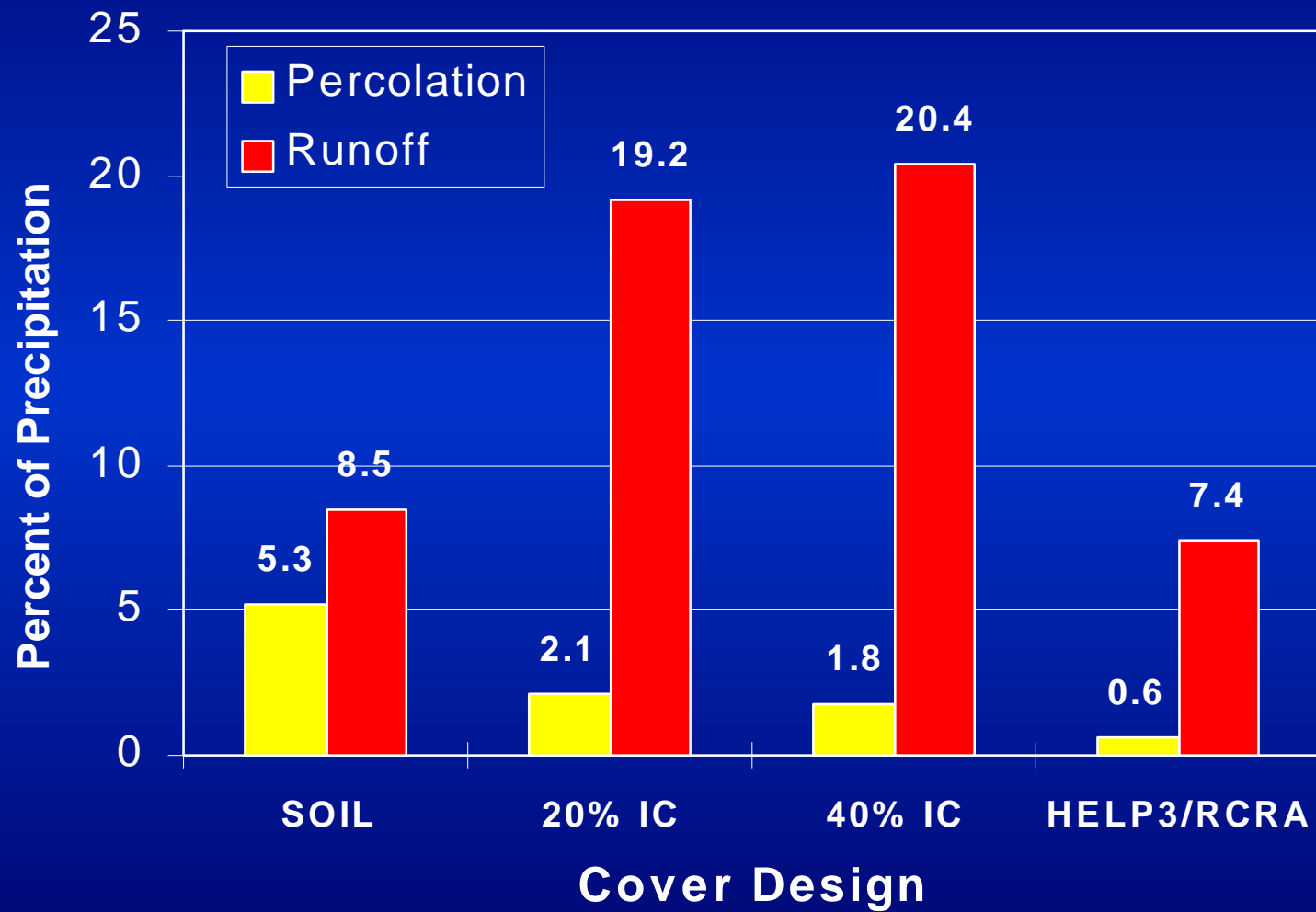


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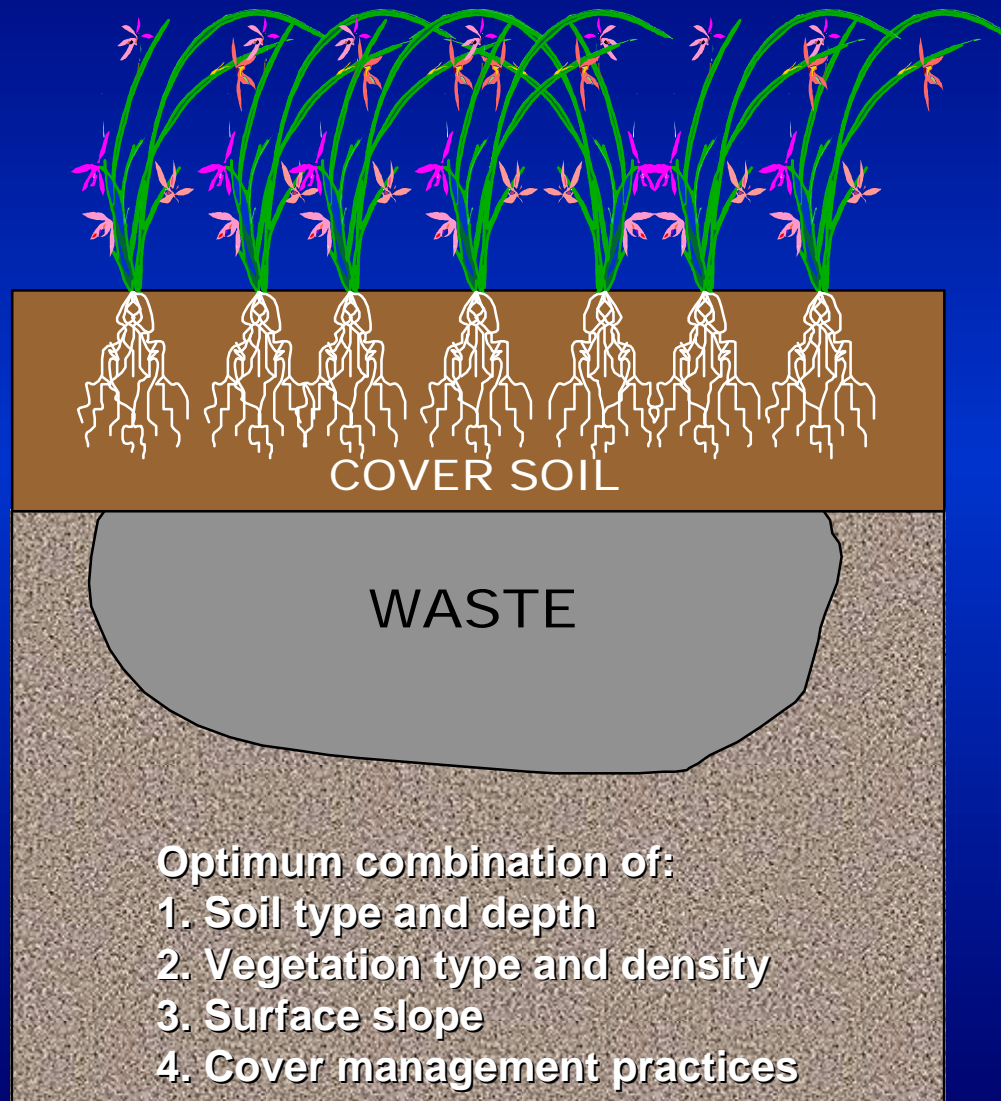
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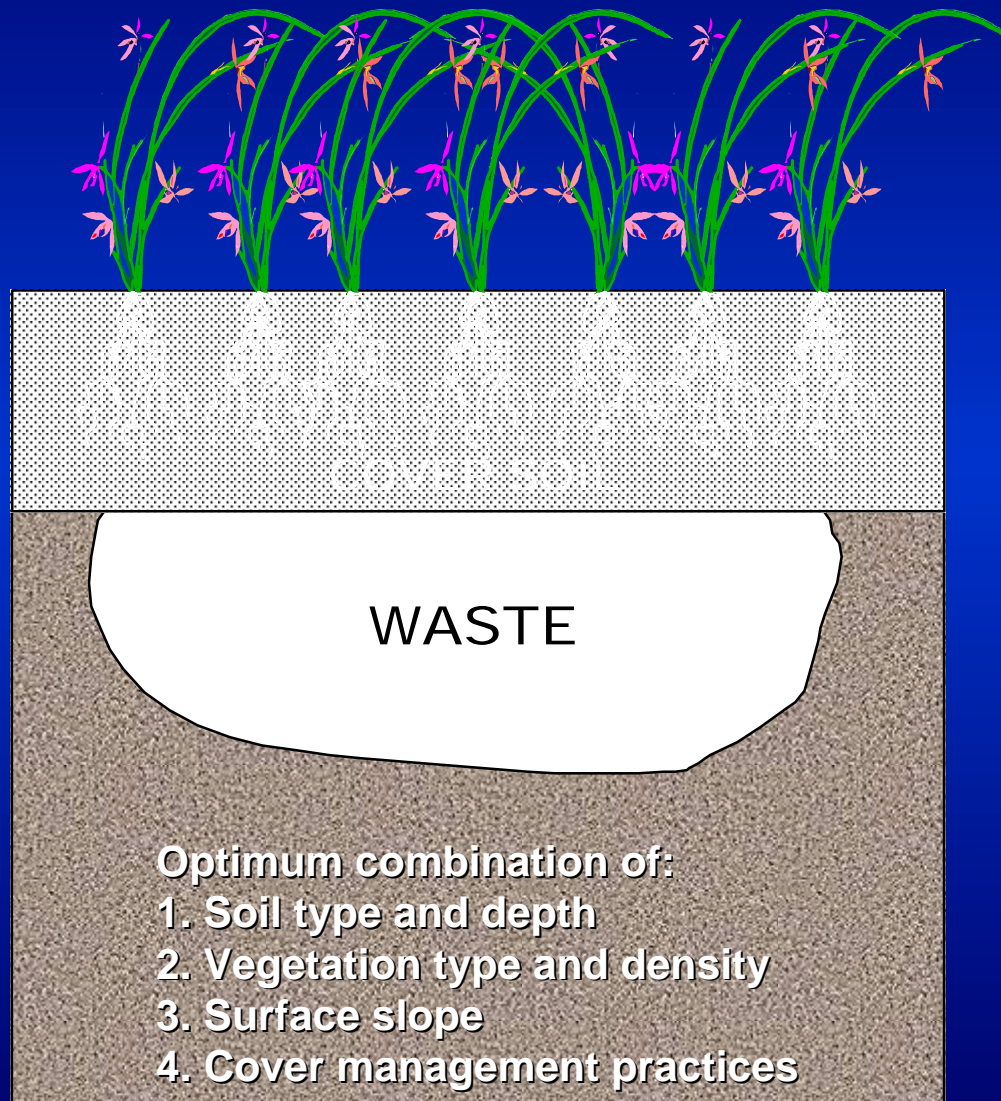
RELATIVE PERFORMANCE



EVAPOTRANSPIRATION COVER DESIGN



EVAPOTRANSPIRATION COVER DESIGN



SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ **Results support the concept of infiltration control**
- ▶
- ▶ **IC designs increased runoff**
- ▶
- ▶ **IC designs tended to reduce percolation**
- ▶
- ▶ **From 75% up to 98% of the runoff and percolation was generated during 2-4 months**
- ▶
- ▶ **No clear advantage of using 40% runoff enhancement over 20%**

**LANDFILL CLOSURE
SYSTEMS
FOR
U.S. NAVAL FACILITIES**

LANDFILL CLOSURE SYSTEMS

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LANDFILL COVER SYSTEM SUCCESSES



LANDFILL COVER SYSTEM FAILURES



LANDFILL CLOSURE SYSTEMS

- ▶ **Functional goals**
- ▶ **Regulatory drivers**
- ▶ **Closure system components**
- ▶ **Design process**

FUNCTIONAL GOALS

FUNCTIONAL GOALS LANDFILL CLOSURE SYSTEMS

- ▶ **Safe, environmentally-protective, long-term isolation of waste**
- ▶ **Protect human health and environment**
- ▶ **Prevent contaminant migration across all major pathways:**
 - **Groundwater**
 - **Surface water**
 - **Air**
 -

THIS GOAL IS ACHIEVED THROUGH THE USE OF ENGINEERED COMPONENTS:

FINAL COVER SYSTEM

- ▶ Capping system
- ▶ Surface-water management system
- ▶ Gas management system

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CONTAINMENT SYSTEM

- ▶ Subsurface barriers
- ▶ In situ stabilization/solidification of the waste
- ▶ Hydraulic control

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REGULATORY DRIVERS

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ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES 1993 Edition

- Clean Air Act
 - Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act or Superfund
 - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
- Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act
- Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- National Environmental Policy Act
- Occupational Safety and Health Act
- Oil Pollution Act of 1990
- Pollution Prevention Act of 1990
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
 - Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984
- Safe Drinking Water Act
- Toxic Substances Control Act



Government Institutes, Inc.

376 / Environmental Statutes

COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980

(CERCLA / Superfund)

as amended¹

42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.

AN ACT

To provide for liability, compensation, cleanup, and emergency response for hazardous substances released into the environment and the cleanup of inactive hazardous waste disposal sites.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980".

TITLE I—HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES RELEASES, LIABILITY, COMPENSATION

DEFINITIONS

42 USC 9601

Sec. 101. For purpose of this title,

(1) The term "act of God" means an unanticipated grave natural disaster or other natural phenomenon of an exceptional, inevitable, and irresistible character, the effects of which could not have been prevented or avoided by the exercise of due care of foresight.

(2) The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

(3) The term "barrel" means forty-two United States gallons at sixty degrees Fahrenheit;

(4) The term "claim" means a demand in writing for a sum certain.

(5) The term "claimant" means any person who presents a claim for compensation under this Act.

(6) The term "damages" means damages for injury or loss of natural resources as set forth in section 107(a) or 111(b) of this Act.

(7) The term "drinking water supply" means any raw or finished water source that is or may be used by a public water system (as defined in the Safe Drinking Water Act) or as drinking water by one or more individuals.

(8) The term "environment" means (A) the navigable waters, the waters of the contiguous zone, and the ocean waters of which the

¹ PL 96-510, as amended by PL 97-216, July 18, 1982; PL 97-272, September 30, 1982; PL 98-45, July 12, 1983; PL 99-160, November 25, 1985; PL 99-499 (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986), October 17, 1986; PL 100-202, December 22, 1987; PL 101-144, November 9, 1989; PL 101-508, November 5, 1990; PL 101-584, (Superfund Surety Bonding), November 15, 1990, PL 102-389, October 6, 1992, and PL 102-426, October 19, 1992.

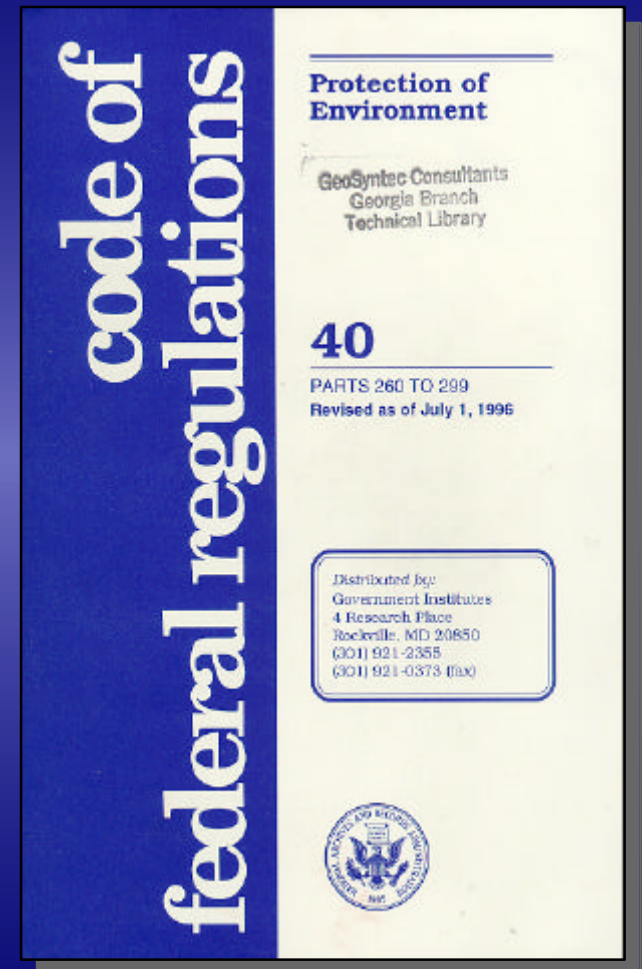
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Comprehensive Emergency Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)

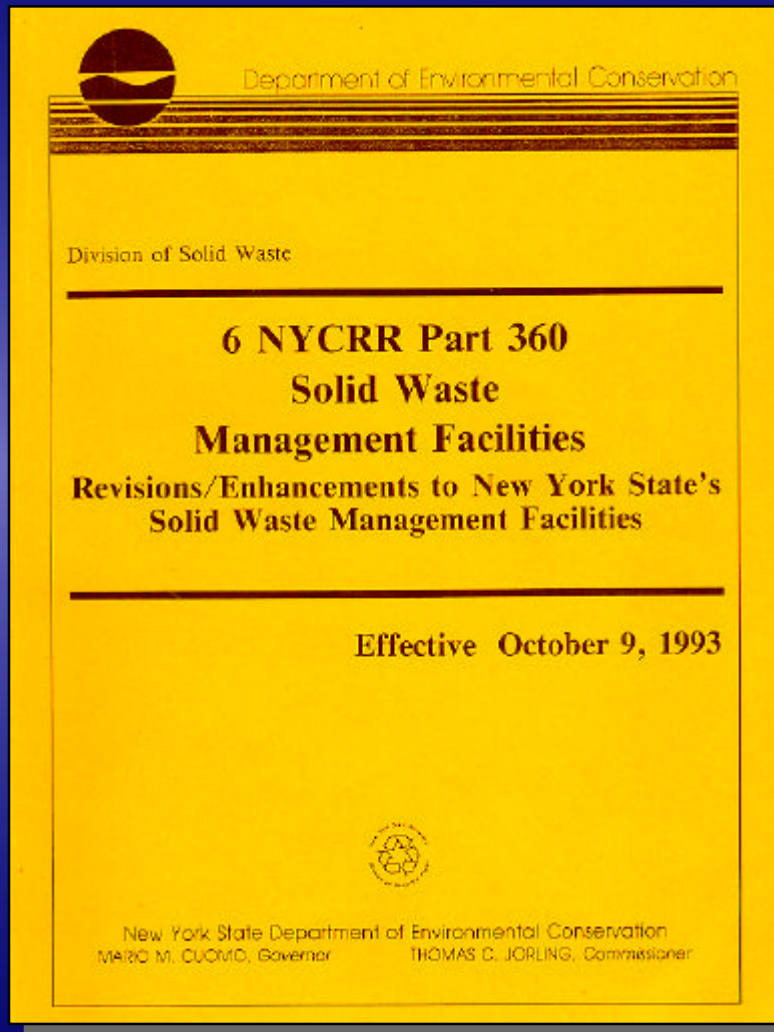
- ▶ 40 CFR - 300.415 (Removal Action)
- ▶ 40 CFR - 300.435 (Remedial Action)
- ▶
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- ▶

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

- ▶ 40 CFR - 258 (MSW Landfills)
- ▶ 40 CFR - 264 (Hazardous Waste TSDF)
- ▶ 40 CFR - 265 (Interim Status Facilities)



REGULATORY DRIVERS STATE-LED PROGRAMS



LANDFILLS	2-1	360-2
SUBPART 360-2		
LANDFILLS		
Section 360-2.1	Applicability	
360-2.2	Transition	
360-2.3	Permit application requirements	
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360-2.5	Operation drawings	
360-2.6	Landscape plan	
360-2.7	Engineering report	
360-2.8	Construction quality assurance/construction quality control plan	
360-2.9	Operation and maintenance manual	
360-2.10	Contingency plan	
360-2.11	Hydrogeologic report	
360-2.12	Landfill siting	
360-2.13	Landfill construction requirements	
360-2.14	Industrial/commercial waste monofills and solid waste incinerator ash residue monofills	
360-2.15	Landfill closure and post-closure criteria	
360-2.16	Landfill gas recovery facilities	
360-2.17	Landfill operation requirements	
360-2.18	Landfill reclamation	
360-2.19	Financial assurance criteria	
360-2.20	Corrective measures report	
Section 360-2.1 Applicability.		
<p>This Subpart regulates the siting, design, construction, operation, closure, and post-closure activities including, if necessary, corrective action of all new landfills, landfills existing on the effective date of this Part, and lateral or vertical expansions of landfills that dispose of solid waste other than those regulated under Subpart 360-7 and section 360-8.6 of this Part (however subdivision 360-2.14(a) and paragraph 360-2.14(b)(1) of this Part do not apply to landfills constructed or operated in Nassau or Suffolk County. Landfills in Nassau and Suffolk Counties are also subject to the requirements set forth in Subpart 360-8 of this Part). Liquid storage facilities as part of a landfill application must be designed, constructed, operated and closed in accordance with the provisions of Subpart 360-6 of this Part. The requirements for the construction and operation of landfill gas recovery facilities are specified under the provisions of section 360-2.16 of this Part. The provisions for the design of a monofill used for the disposal of ash from solid waste incinerators are addressed in section 360-2.14 of this Subpart. Subsequent landfill development (phased landfill construction beyond the initial permitted phase of construction but that which is enabled by permit) must demonstrate compliance with the design, construction, operation and closure requirements pursuant to the Part 360 regulations in effect at the time of subsequent development. This demonstration must also include a seismic analysis demonstrating compliance with the provisions of paragraph 360-2.7(b)(7) of this Subpart and an estimate of the expected quantity of leachate to be generated from the subsequent portion of the landfill proposed for development pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 360-2.7(b)(9) of this Subpart. The need for additional leachate storage capacity beyond that which was initially constructed must be assessed as a result of this leachate generation estimation.</p>		
Section 360-2.2 Transition.		
<p>The transition requirements for construction, operation and closure of landfills subject to regulation under this Subpart are set forth in paragraph 360-1.7(a)(3) of this Part. Transition requirements for landfills in existence on the effective date of this Part that accept solid waste incinerator ash residue are also set forth in paragraph 360-3.5(g)(5) of this Part.</p>		

LANDFILLS

- ▶ **Subtitle C**

An area of land or an excavation where hazardous wastes are placed for permanent disposal

- ▶ **Subtitle D**

A discrete area of land or an excavation that receives household waste, commercial solid waste, nonhazardous sludge, and industrial solid waste

- ▶ **Landfills are not land application units, surface impoundments, injection wells, or waste piles as defined in 40 CFR - 257.2**

REGULATORY DRIVERS

PRESUMPTIVE REMEDIES

- ▶ Initiative to Accelerate Cleanup Programs
- ▶
- ▶ Preferred Technologies Based on Past Experience
- ▶
- ▶ Types
 - Volatile Organic Compounds in Soils
 - Wood Treaters
 - Municipal Landfills
 - Contaminated Groundwater

PRESUMPTIVE REMEDIES

CLEANUP PROCESS IMPACT

- ▶ **Focus the site evaluation and field investigation**
- ▶
- ▶ **Streamline the identification of objectives and alternatives**
- ▶
- ▶ **Eliminate need to compare technologies**
- ▶
- ▶ **Expedite Record of Decision issuance and preparation of remedial plans**

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- ▶ Capping system
- ▶ Surface-water management system
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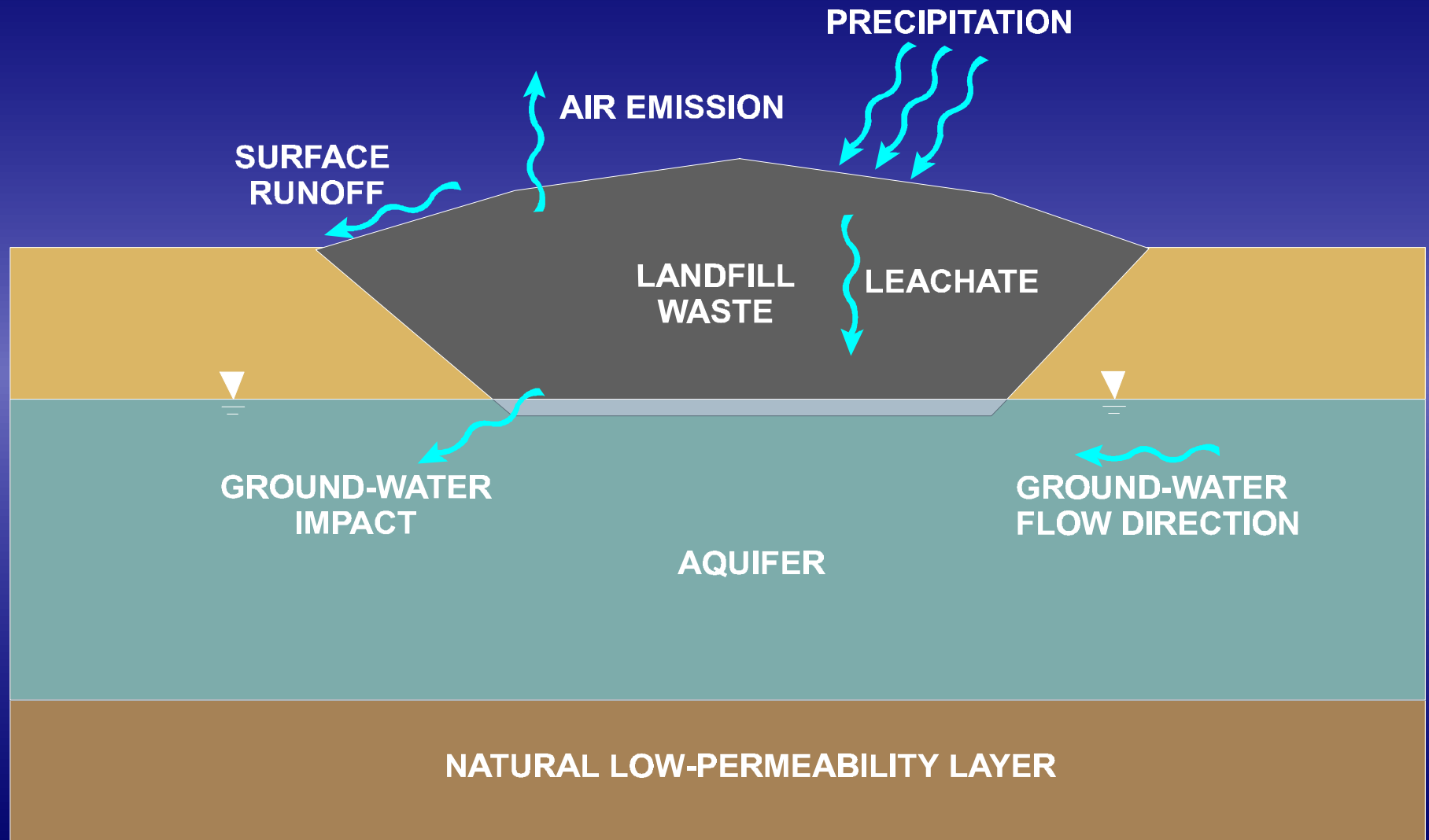
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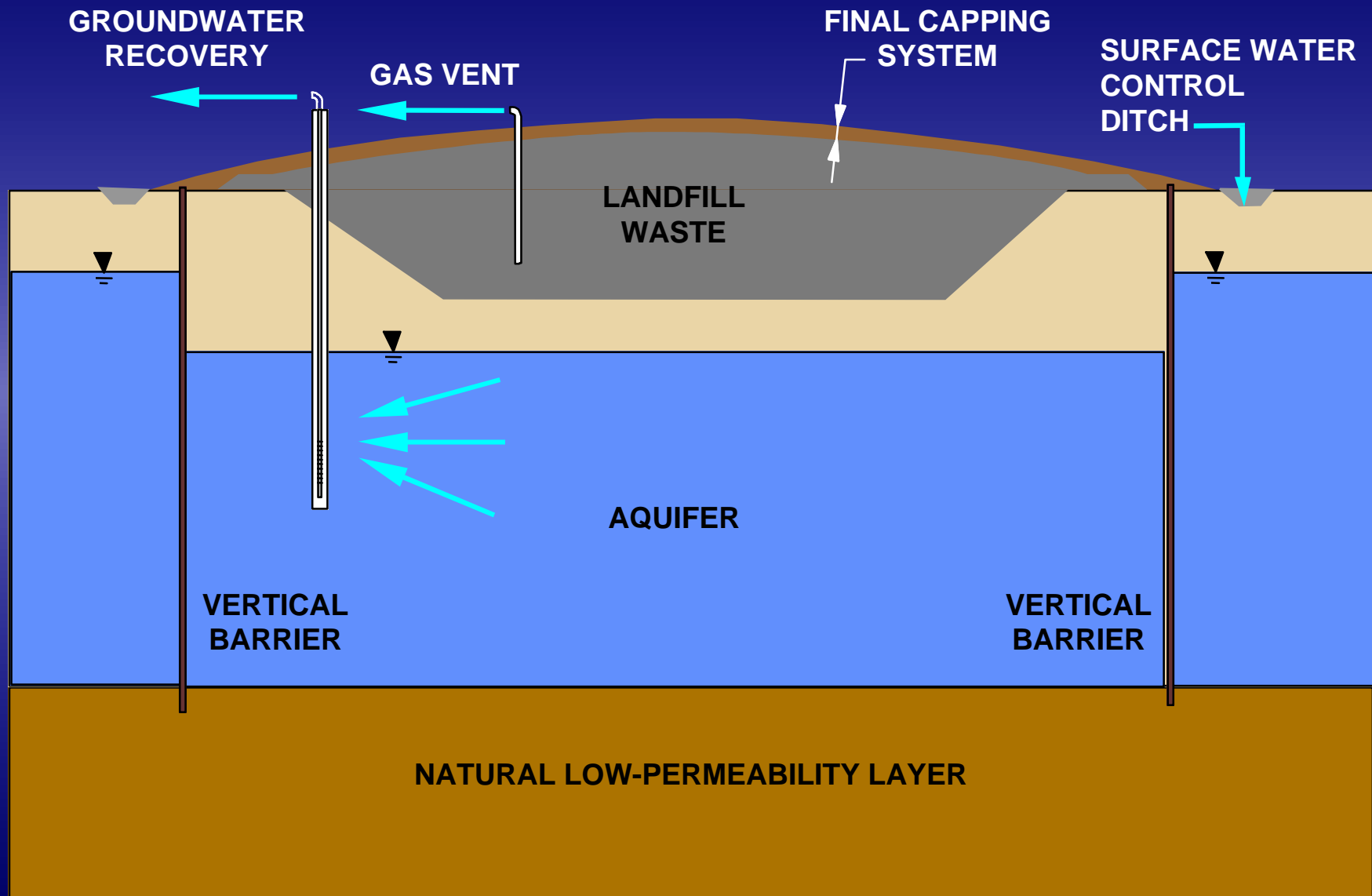
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LANDFILL EXISTING CONDITIONS



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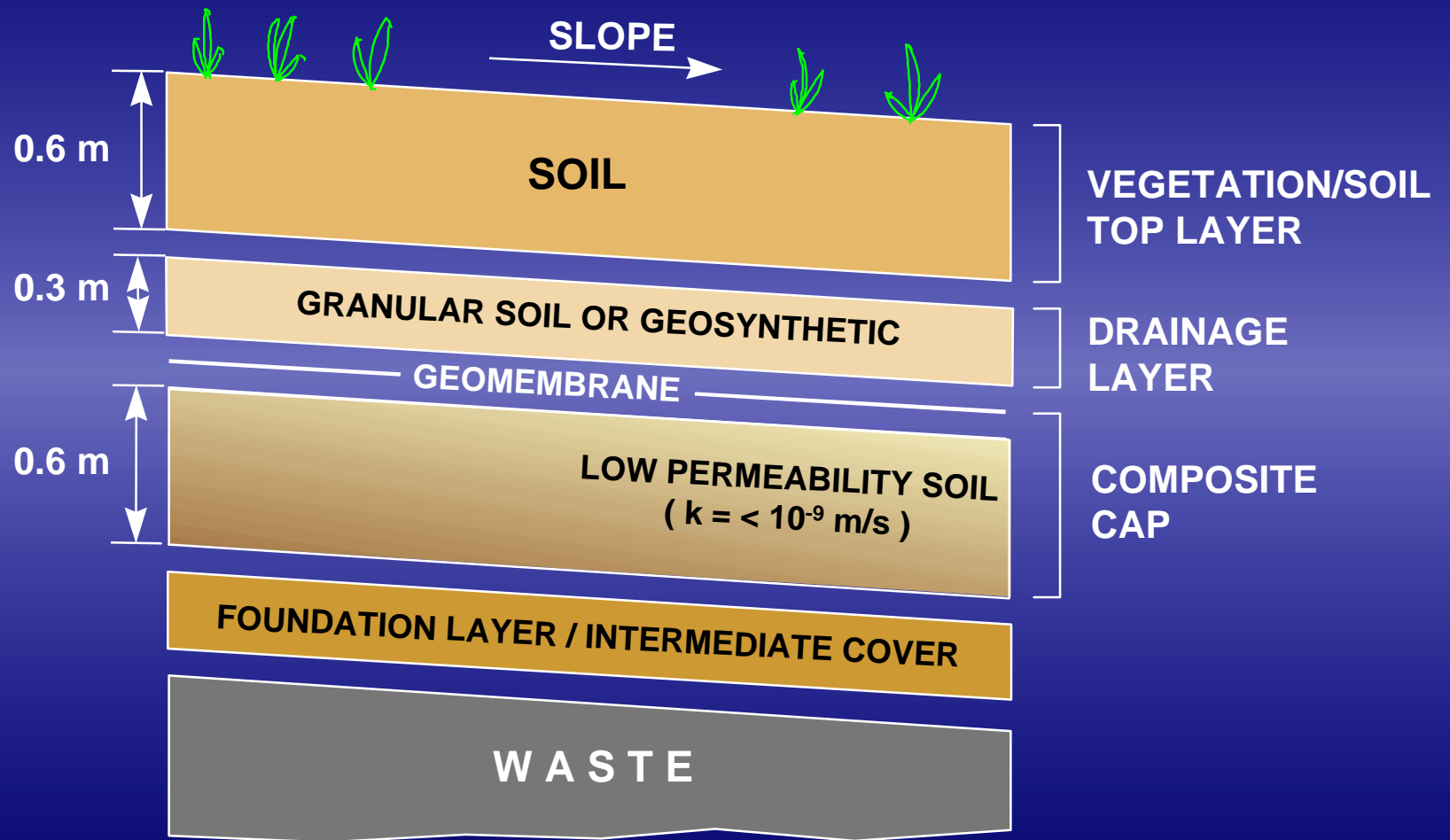
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CAPPING SYSTEM

- ▶ **Combination of one or more drainage layers and low-permeability barrier layers (i.e., caps)**
- ▶ **Cap prevents water infiltration into surface or subsurface contaminant source area**
- ▶ **Drainage layer above cap controls hydraulic head on cap and minimizes downslope seepage forces in the cover soil**
- ▶ **Grass and topsoil layer is usually the topmost layer; function is to limit erosion and promote surface-water runoff**

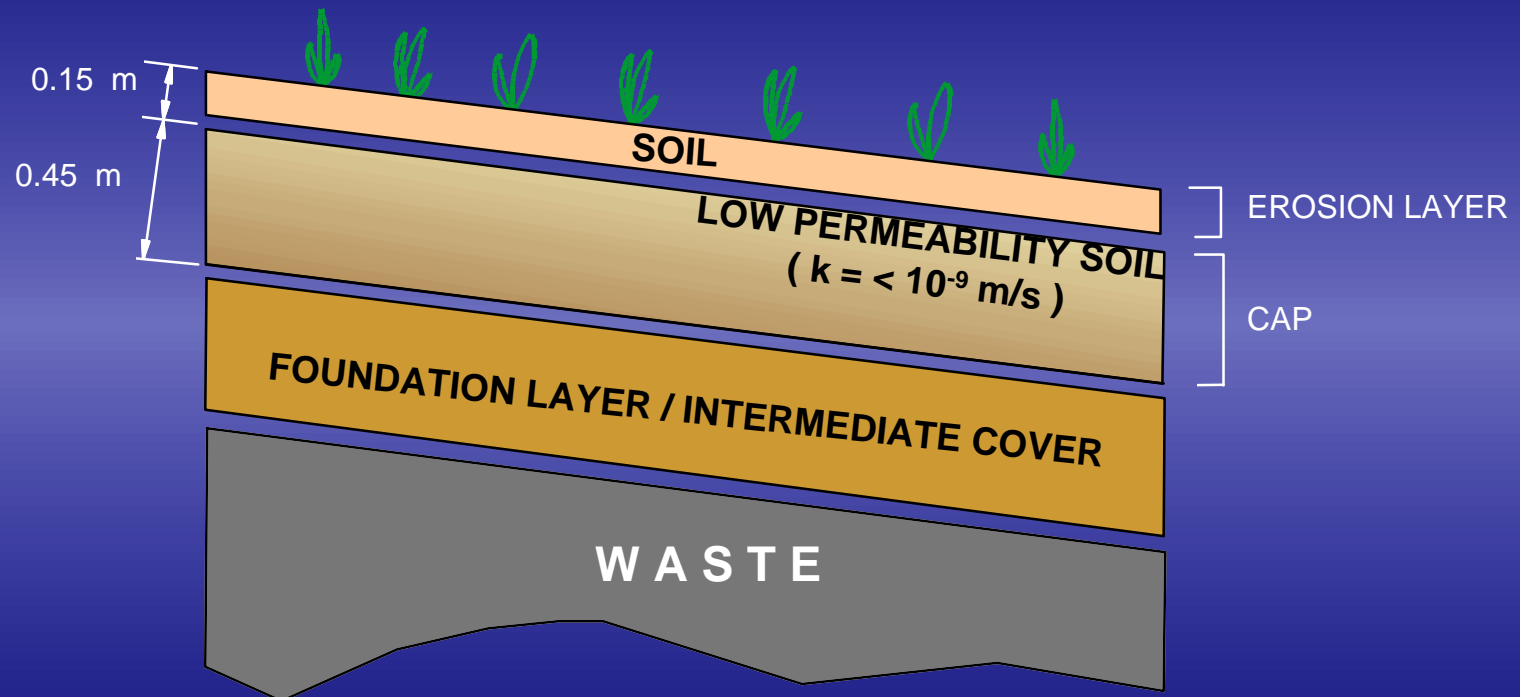
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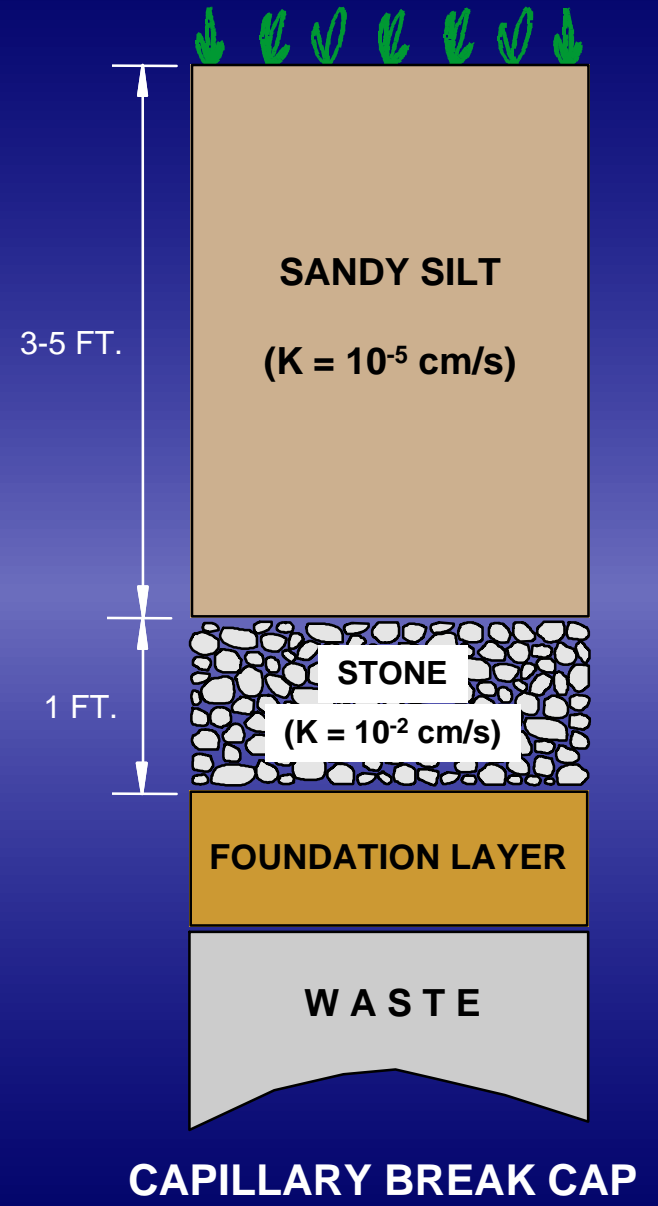
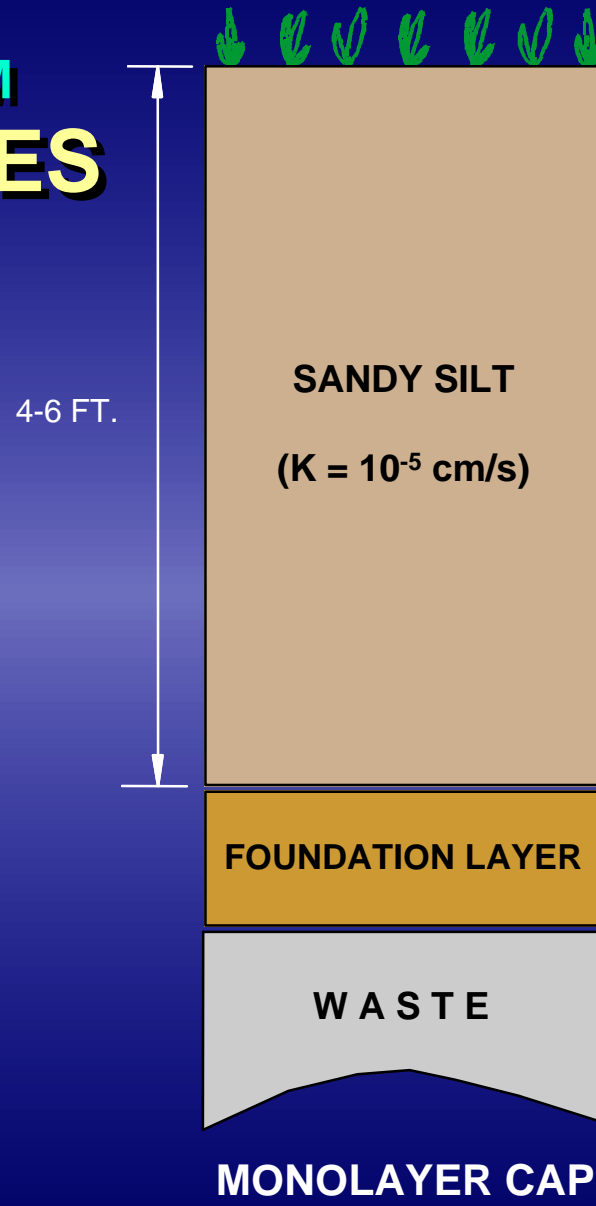


CAPPING SYSTEMS

RCRA SUBTITLE D



CAPPING SYSTEM ALTERNATIVES

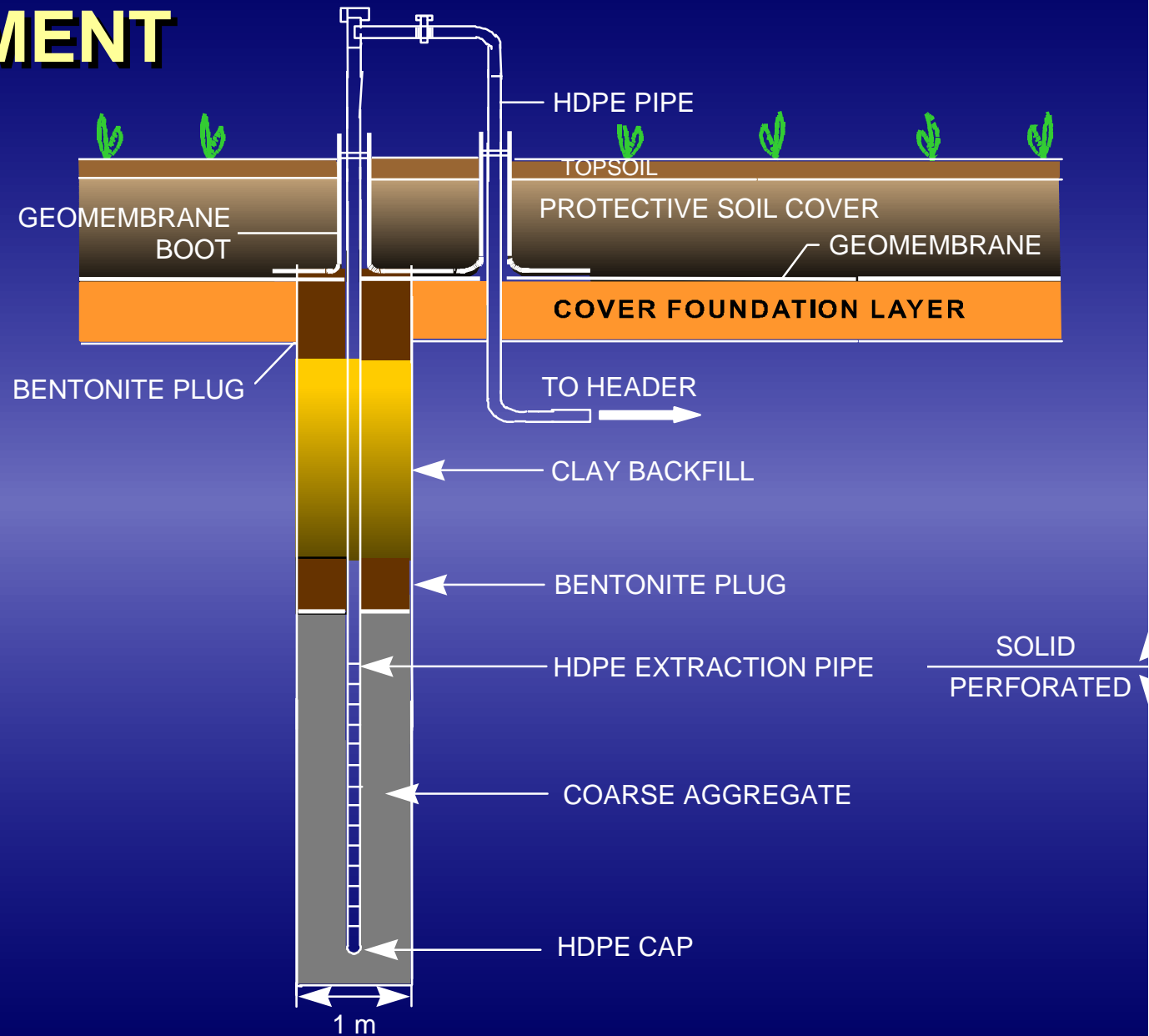


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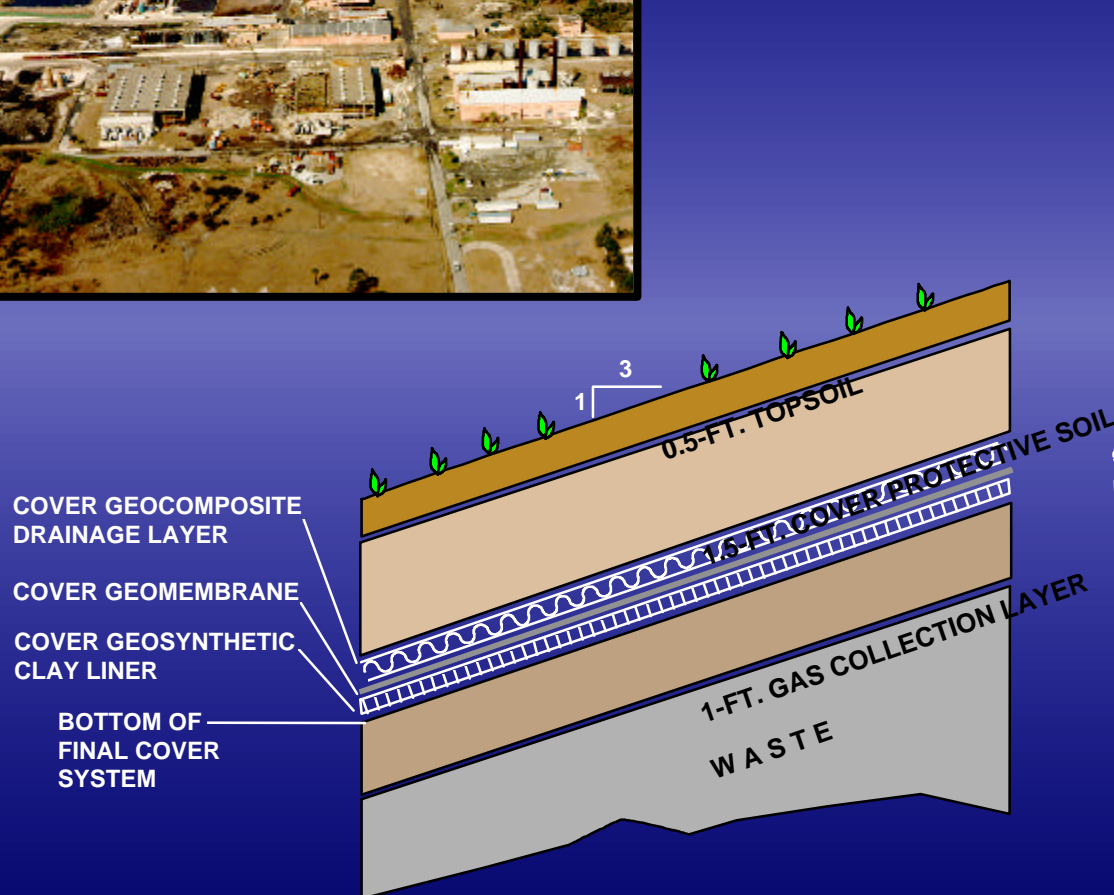
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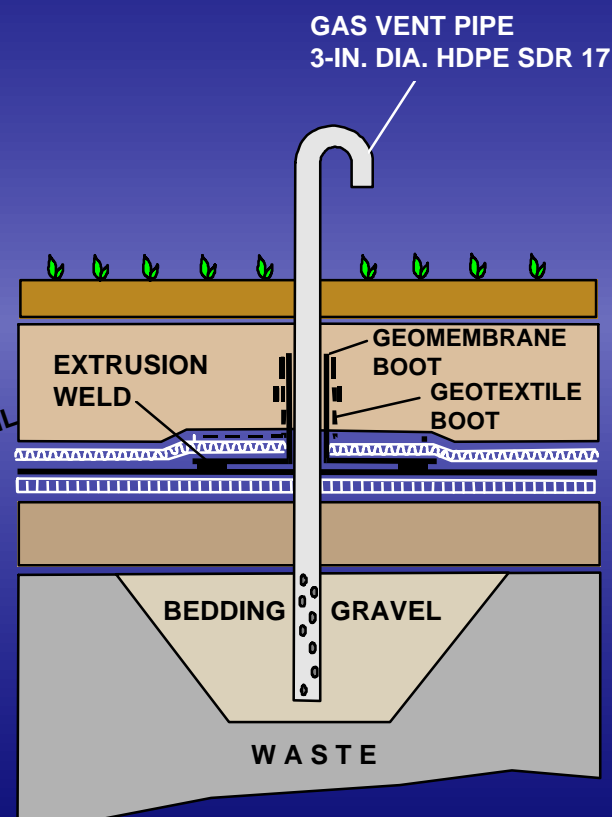




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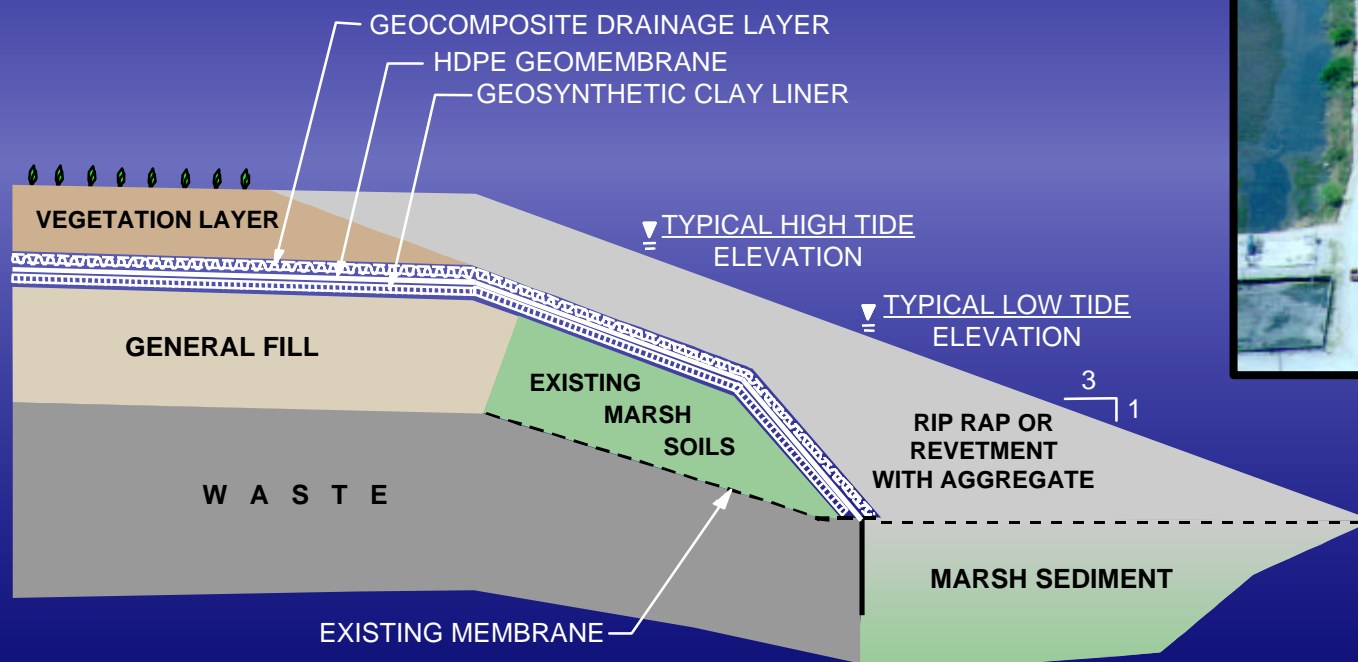
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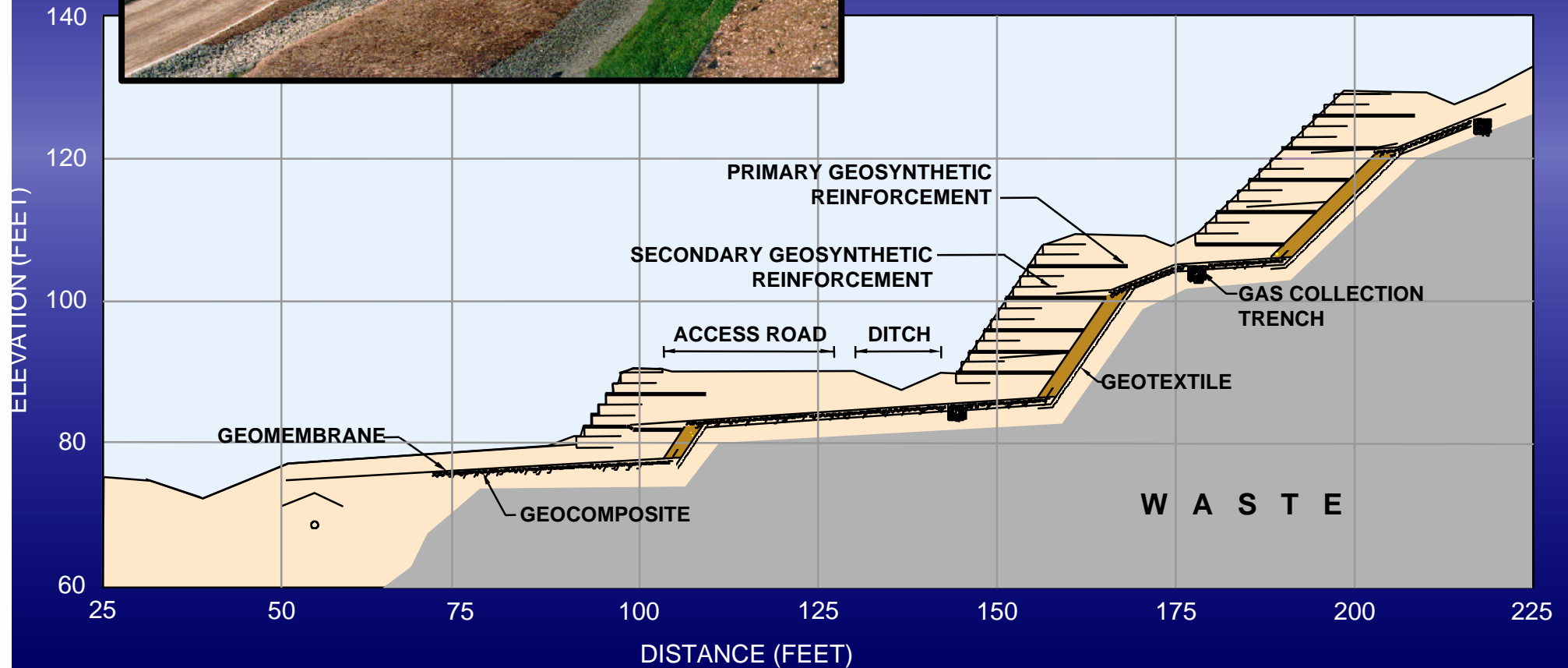
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TEXAS SUPERFUND SITE



CLOSURE SYSTEM COMPONENTS NEW YORK LANDFILL SITE



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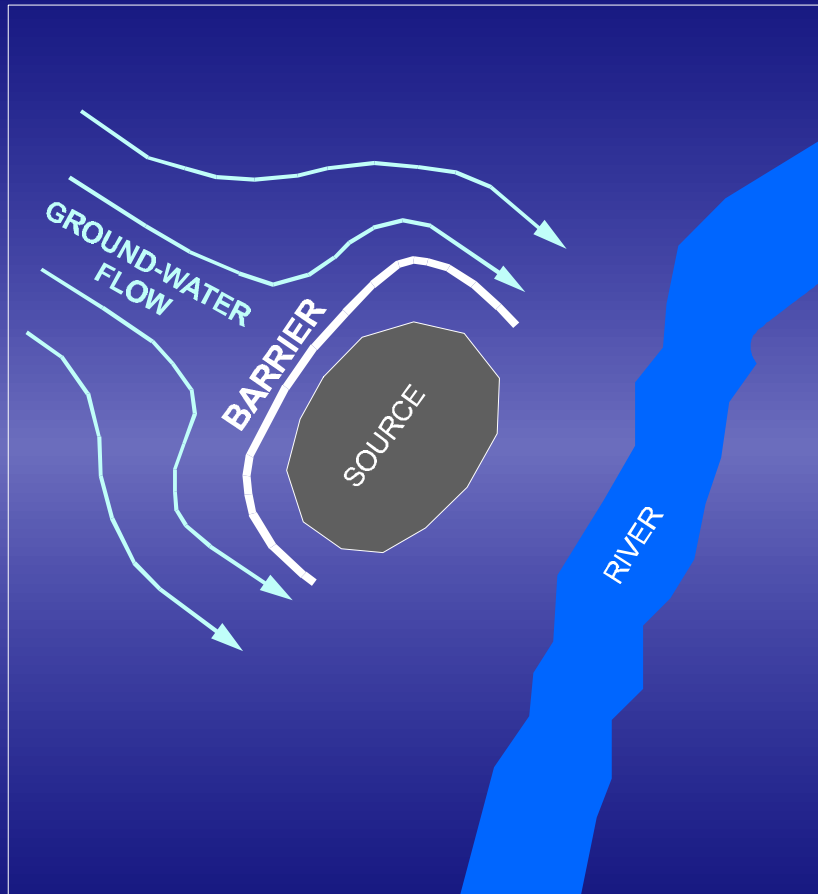
SUBSURFACE BARRIERS

- ▶ **Cutoff walls are low-permeability structures to provide a barrier to flow of groundwater toward or away from a contaminant source**
- ▶
- ▶ **Permeable treatment walls incorporate a flow-through section to provide contact between contaminated groundwater and treatment media**



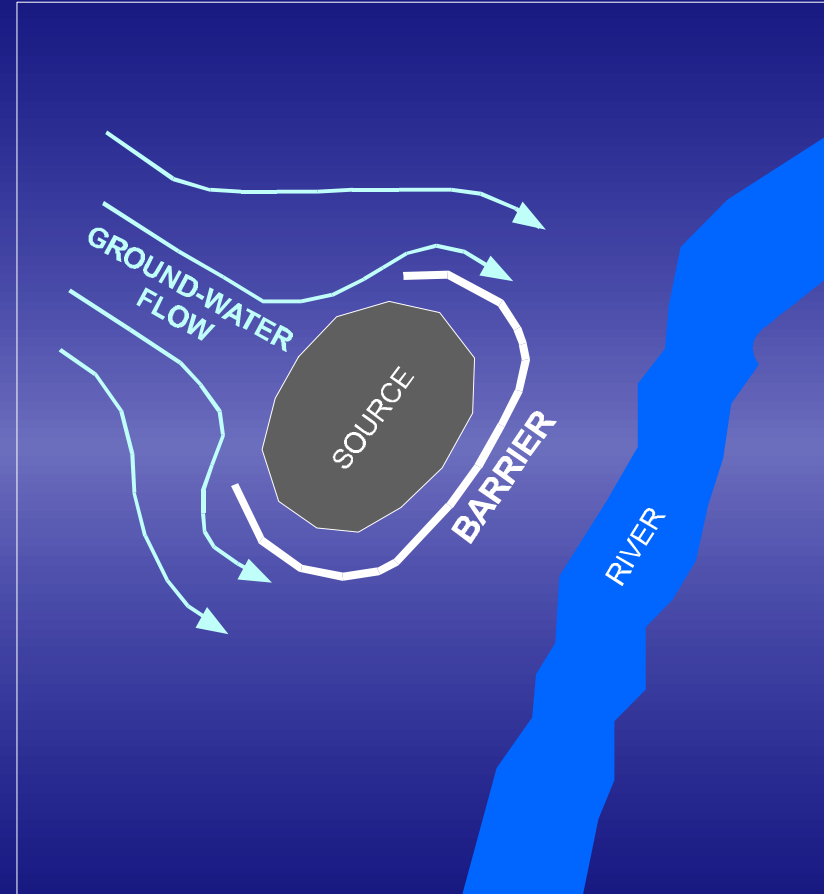
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UPGRADIENT



- ✓ Prevents ground water from infiltrating into a source area

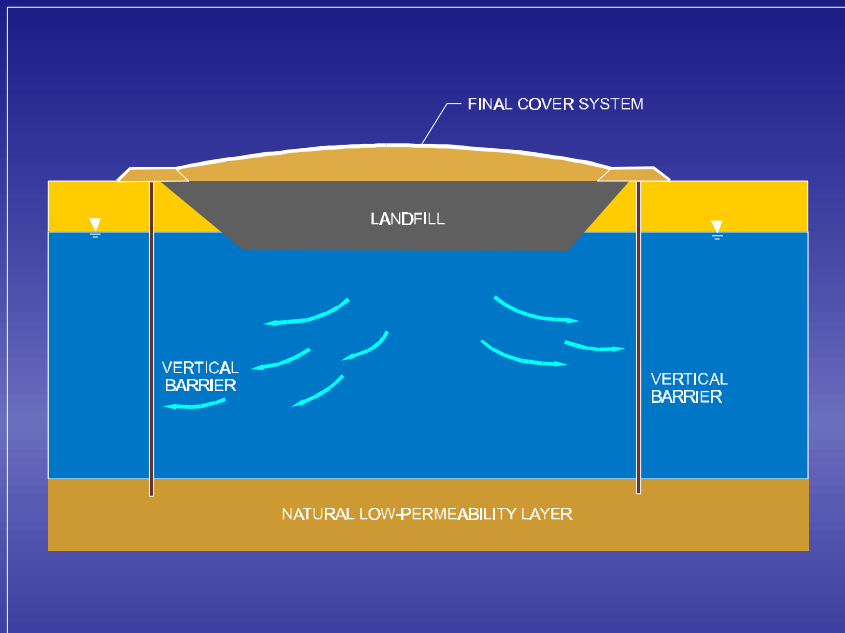
DOWNGRADIENT



- ✓ Prevents migration of contaminated ground water (or gas) from a source area

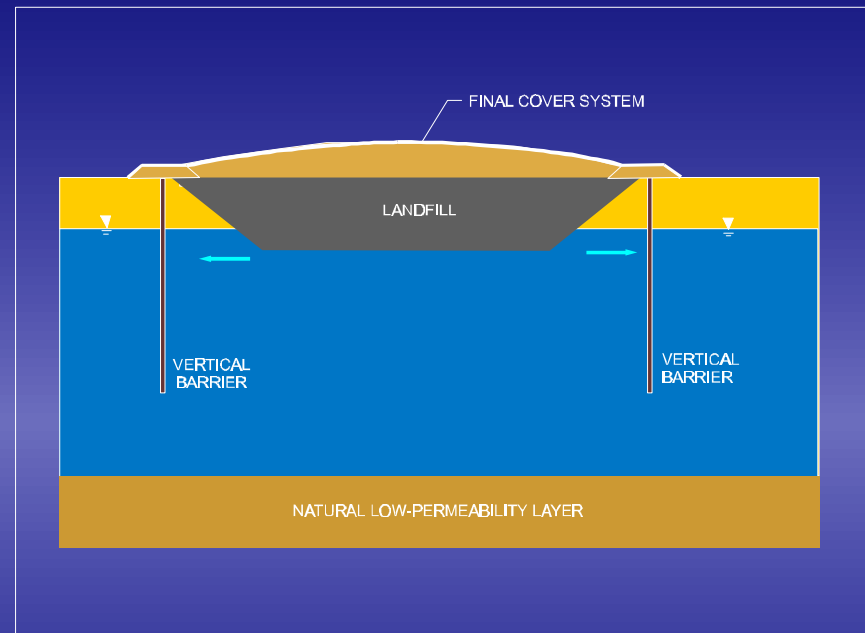
SUBSURFACE BARRIERS

FULLY PENETRATING



- ✓ Utilize when complete containment is needed
- ✓ Utilize for DNAPL containment
- ✓ Utilize with gradient control systems (ground-water extraction within the contained area)

PARTIALLY PENETRATING



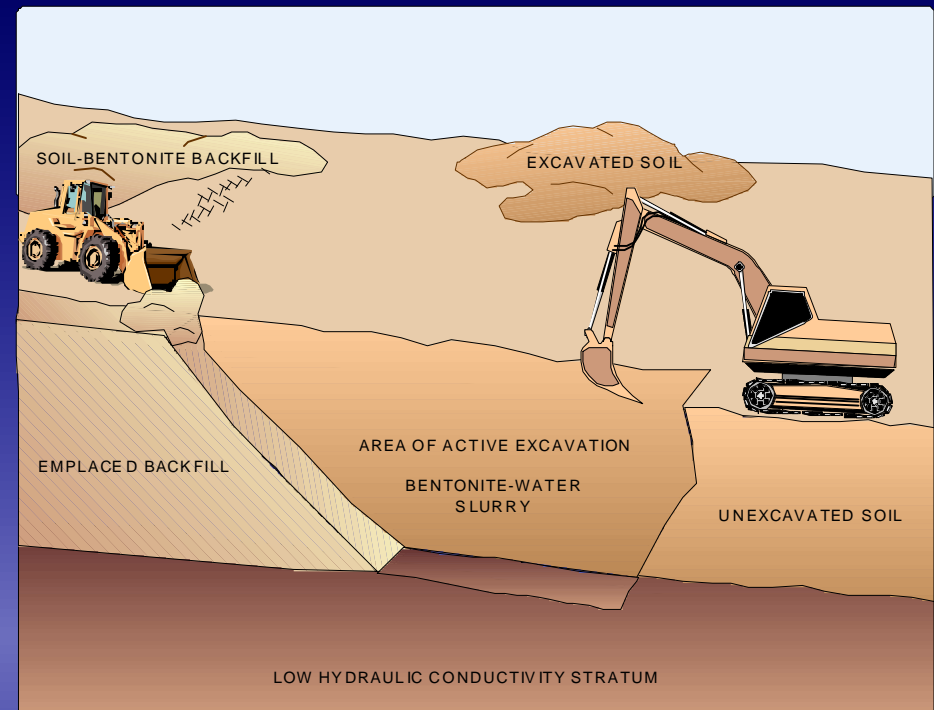
- ✓ Utilize with LNAPL remediation
- ✓ Utilize when low-permeability layer is at great depth

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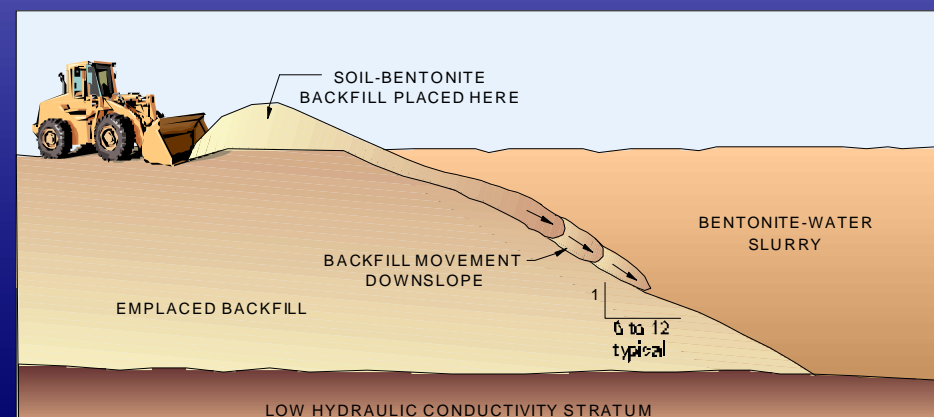
SOIL-BENTONITE WALL CONSTRUCTION

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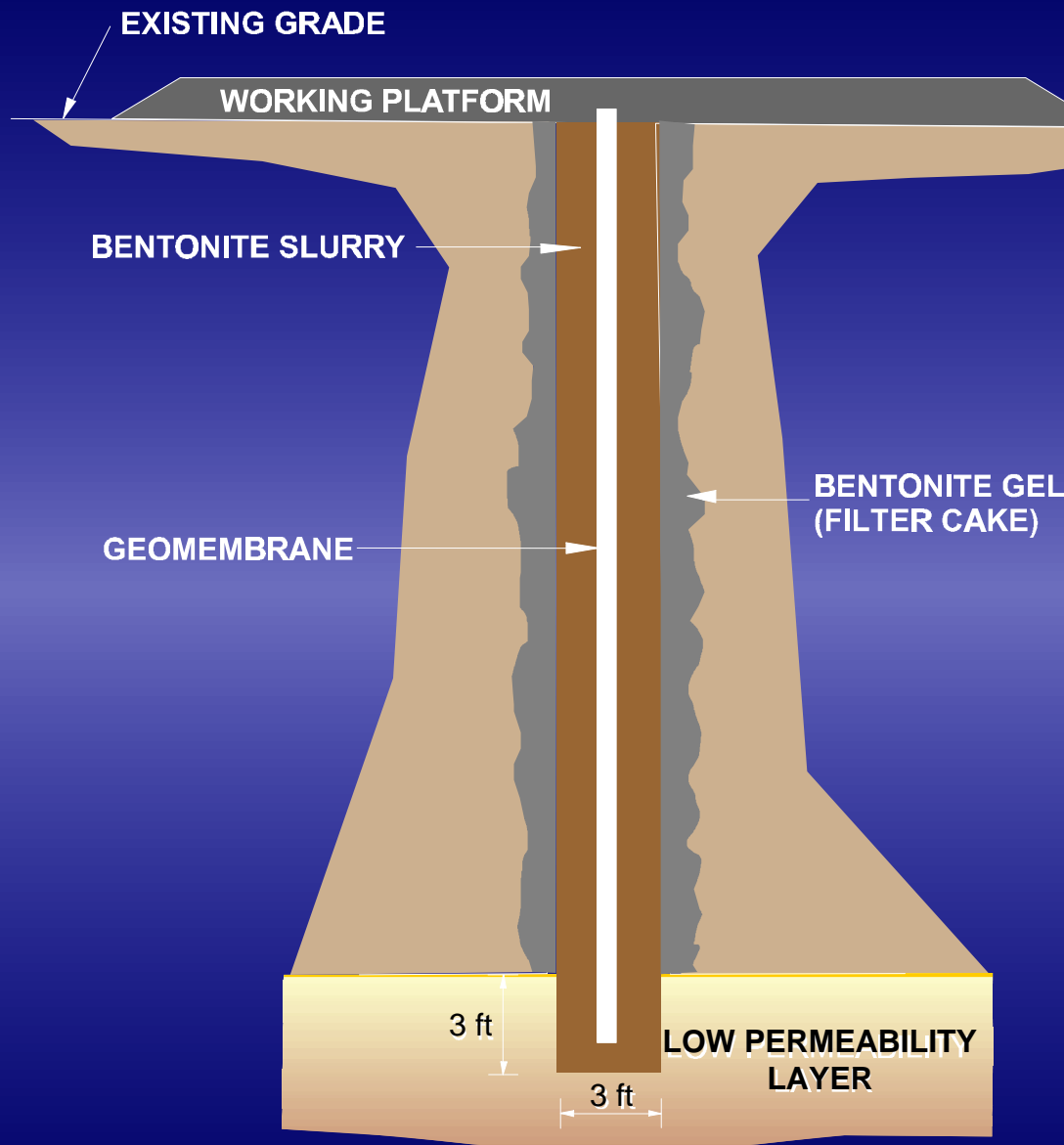
- ✓
- ✓ Least expensive, reliable, versatile
- ✓
- ✓ Provides low ($k \approx 10^{-6}$ to 10^{-7} cm/s) permeability barrier
- ✓
- ✓ Potential issues related to air emissions and contaminated soil disposal
- ✓
- ✓ Requires horizontal ground and significant right-of-way
- ✓
- ✓ Potential negative ground stability impacts
- ✓
- ✓ Requires specialty contractor



SOIL-BENTONITE WALL CONSTRUCTION



SOIL-BENTONITE WALL BACKFILLING



SUBSURFACE BARRIERS GEOMEMBRANE CUT-OFF WALL

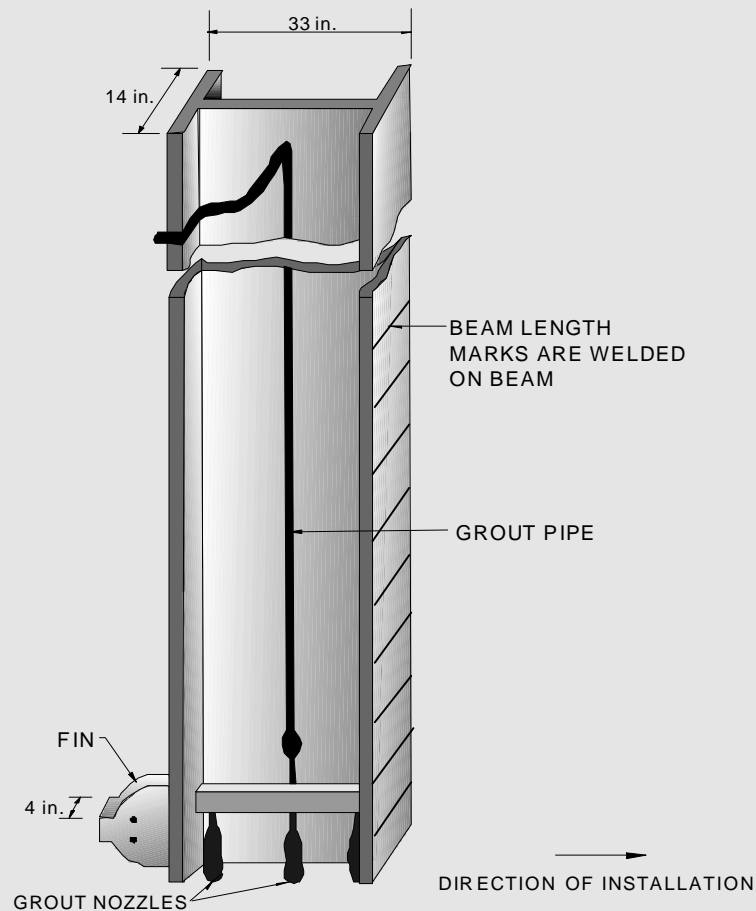
KEY ATTRIBUTES

- ✓
- ✓ Moderate cost
- ✓
- ✓ Essentially impermeable
- ✓
- ✓ Same limitations as soil-bentonite wall
- ✓
- ✓ Higher degree of containment than soil-bentonite wall
- ✓
- ✓ Watertight joints require skillful construction

SOURCE: AFTER EVENS, 1991

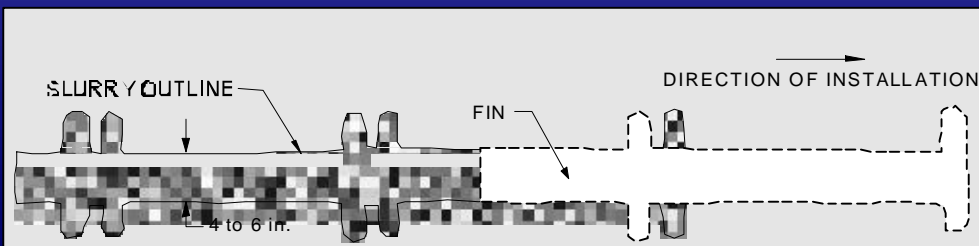
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VIBRATING BEAM WALL



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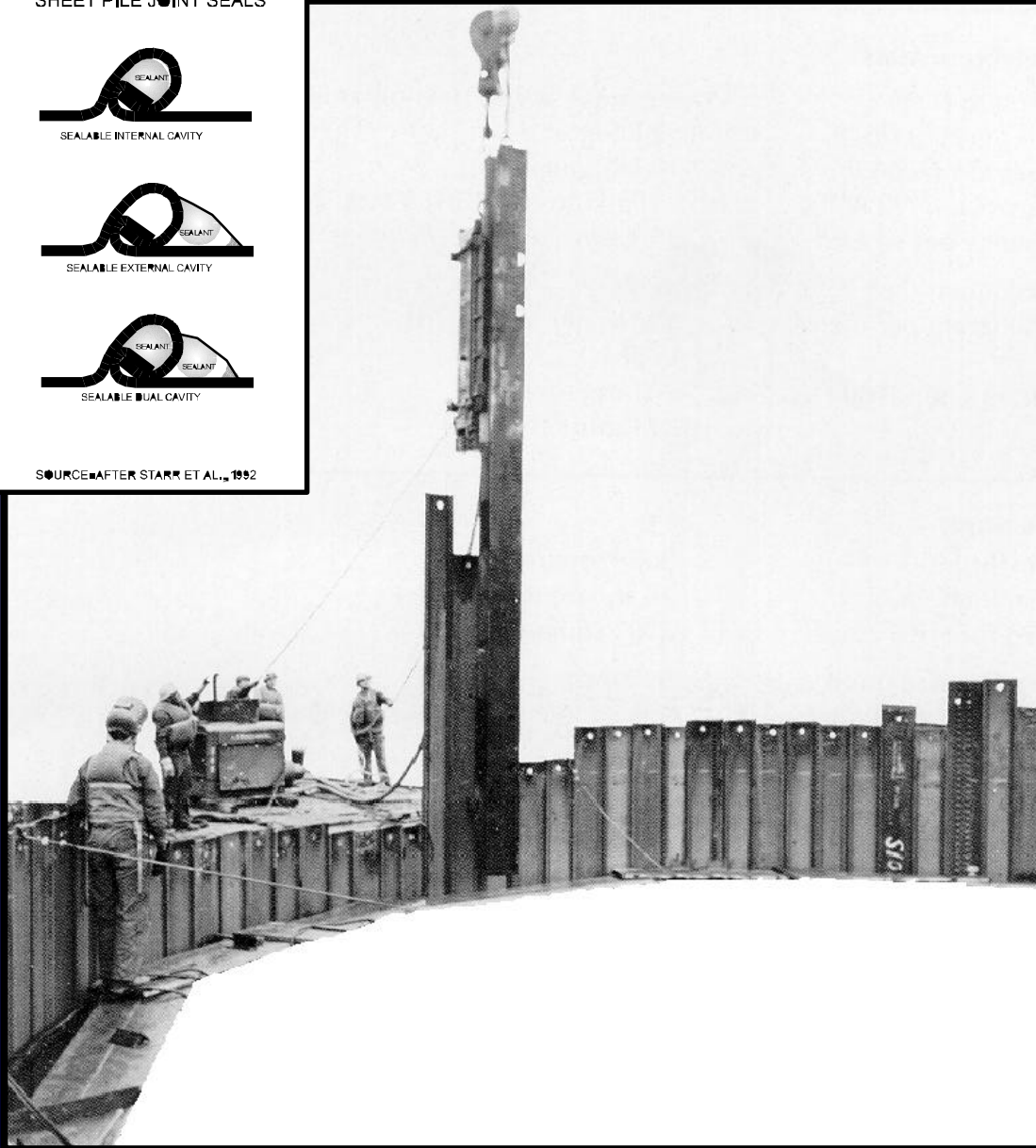
- ✓ Low to moderate cost and permeability
- ✓ Cannot penetrate stiff soils and bedrock
- ✓ Produces thin wall with potential for defects
- ✓ Does not require soil excavation, little right-of-way needed
- ✓ Available from only a few specialty contractors



EXAMPLES OF
SHEET PILE JOINT SEALS



SOURCE: AFTER STARR ET AL., 1992



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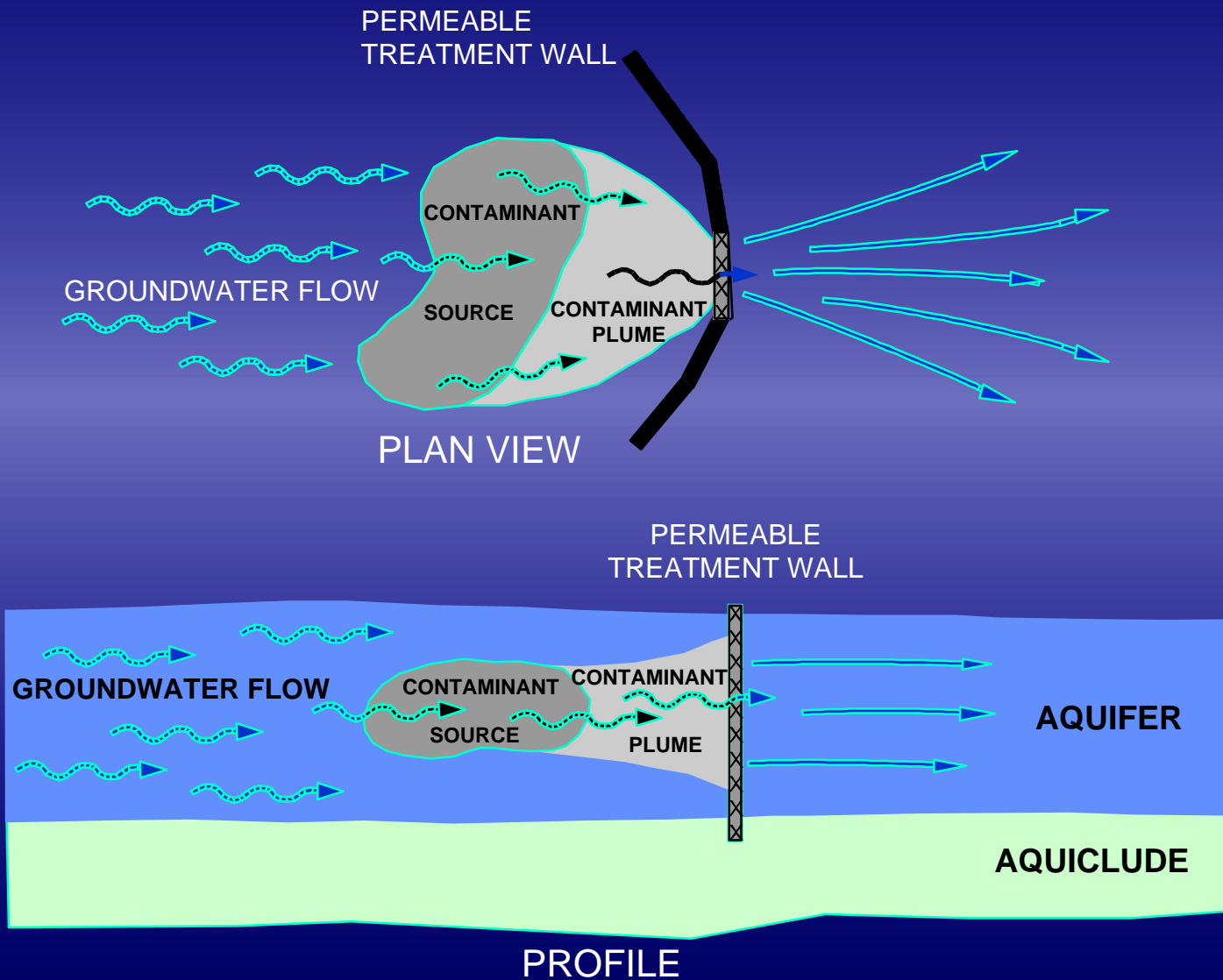
SHEET PILE WALL

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- ✓
- ✓ Moderate to high cost
- ✓
- ✓ Very low permeability with special seals
- ✓
- ✓ Can withstand hard driving
- ✓
- ✓ Does not require soil excavation, little right-of-way needed
- ✓
- ✓ Can improve foundation structural capacity
- ✓ Requires specialty contractors

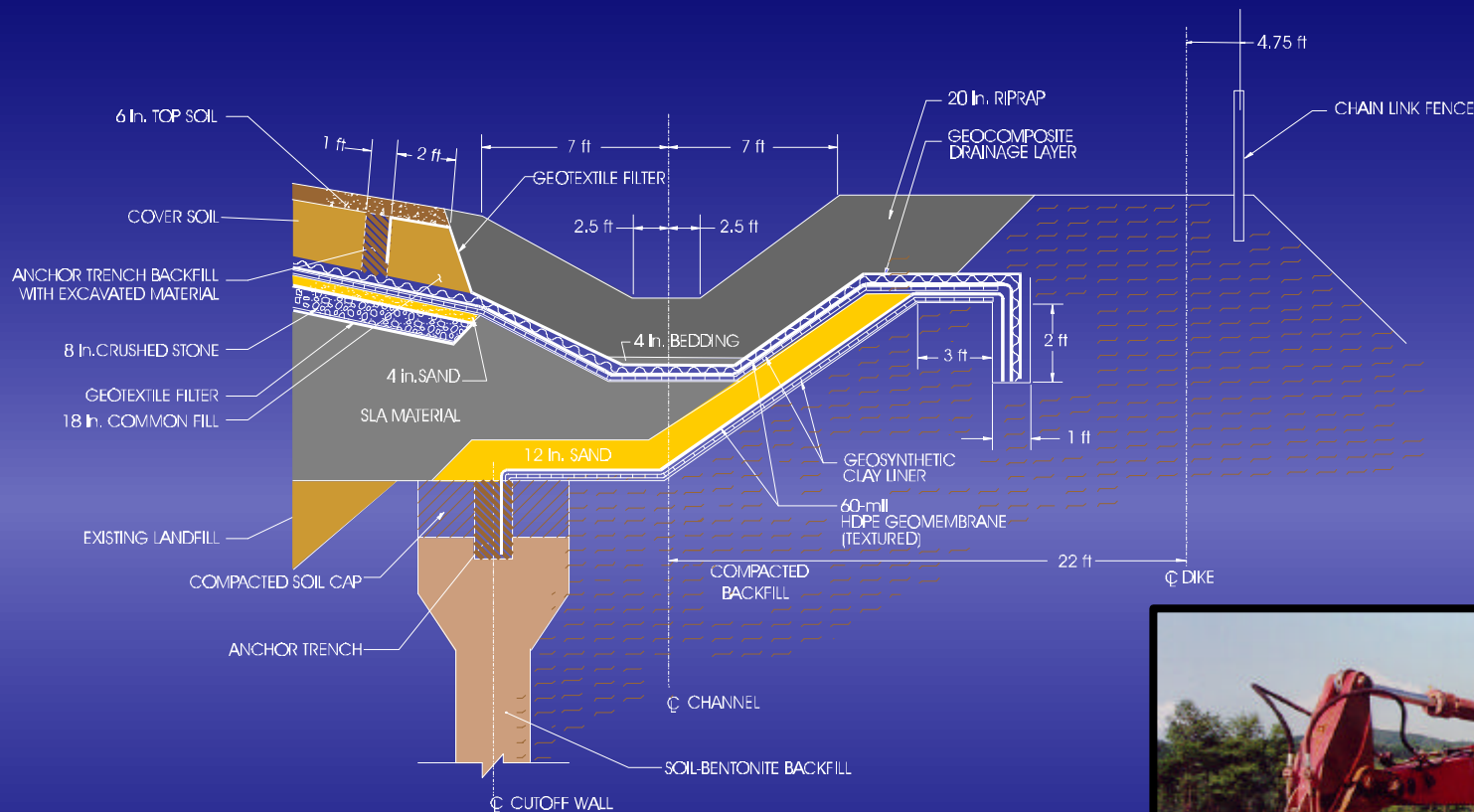
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PERMEABLE TREATMENT WALL



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**SLURRY TRENCH
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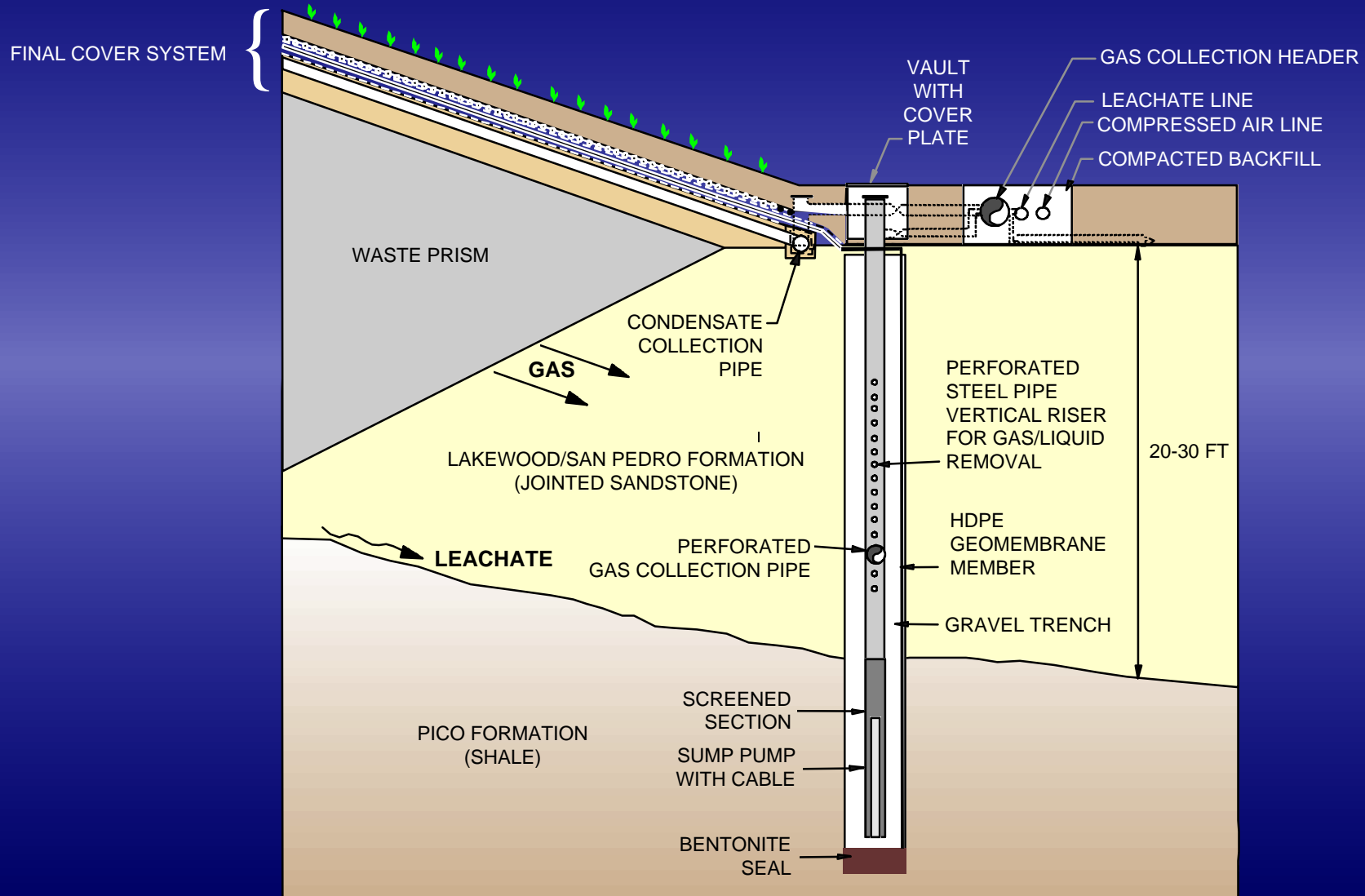
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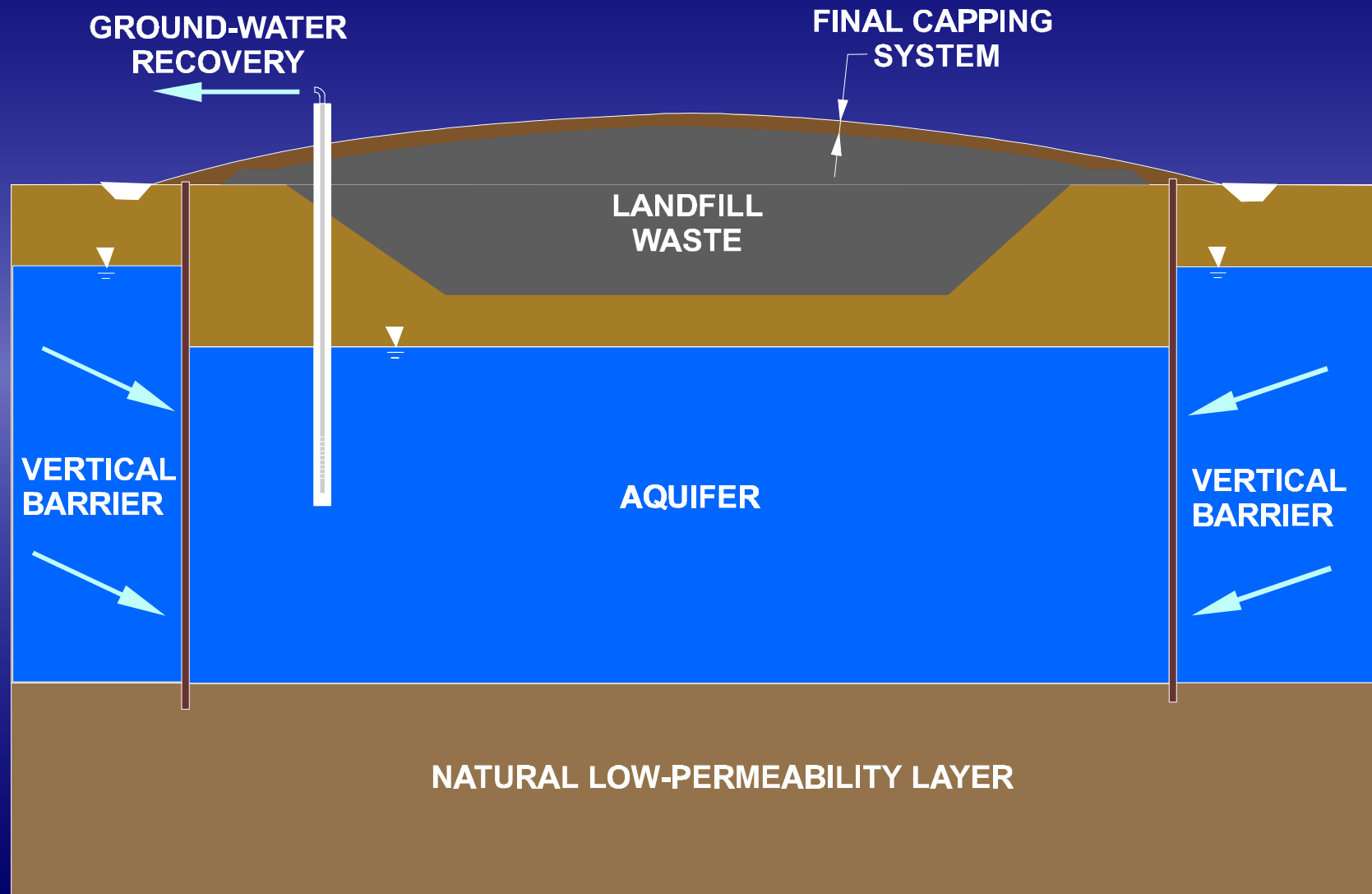
CLOSURE SYSTEM COMPONENTS

SOLIDIFICATION/STABILIZATION

- ▶ **Mixing, blending, or injection of physical/chemical additives to:**
 - Provide stable foundation for final cover system construction
 - Reduce contaminant mobility or solubility
 - Improve the handling or hydraulic characteristics of a waste
- ▶ **Solidification refers to the process in which materials are added to a waste to produce a solid**
- ▶
- ▶ **Stabilization refers to converting a waste to a more chemically stable form**

CLOSURE SYSTEM COMPONENTS

HYDRAULIC CONTROL



DESIGN PROCESS

DESIGN PROCESS

- ▶ **Pre-Design Studies**
- ▶ **Conceptual Design**
 - CERCLA feasibility study (FS)
 - CERCLA engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA)
 - RCRA corrective measure study (CMS)
 - State Requirements
- ▶ **Detailed Design**
 - Preliminary (30%) Design
 - Pre-Final (90%) Design
 - Final (100%) Design
- ▶ **Certified-for-Construction (CFC) Documents**
 - Drawings and specifications
 - Work plans and contract documents

PRE-DESIGN STUDY

POTENTIAL PRE-DESIGN INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES

AT THE SITE...

- ▶ **Hydrogeological subsurface investigation**
- ▶ **Groundwater sampling and chemical analysis**
- ▶ **Geotechnical subsurface investigation**
- ▶ **Soil borrow source studies**
- ▶ **Clay liner test pad program**

PRE-DESIGN STUDY

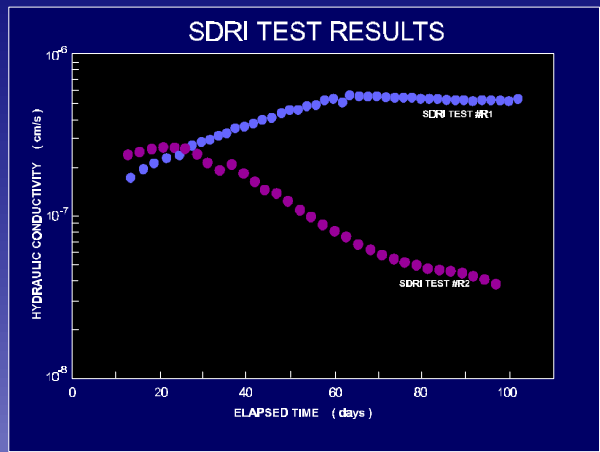
POTENTIAL PRE-DESIGN INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES

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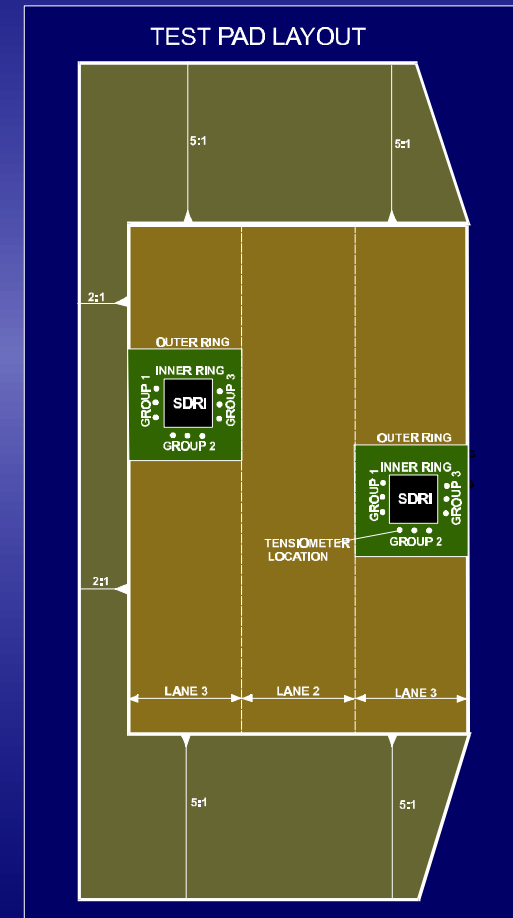
- ▶ **Geotechnical laboratory testing**
- ▶ **Soil-geosynthetic interface testing program**
- ▶ **Waste property evaluation**
- ▶ **Barrier material testing**
- ▶ **Waste solidification/stabilization evaluation**

PRE-DESIGN STUDY

SEALED DOUBLE-RING INFILTROMETER TESTING

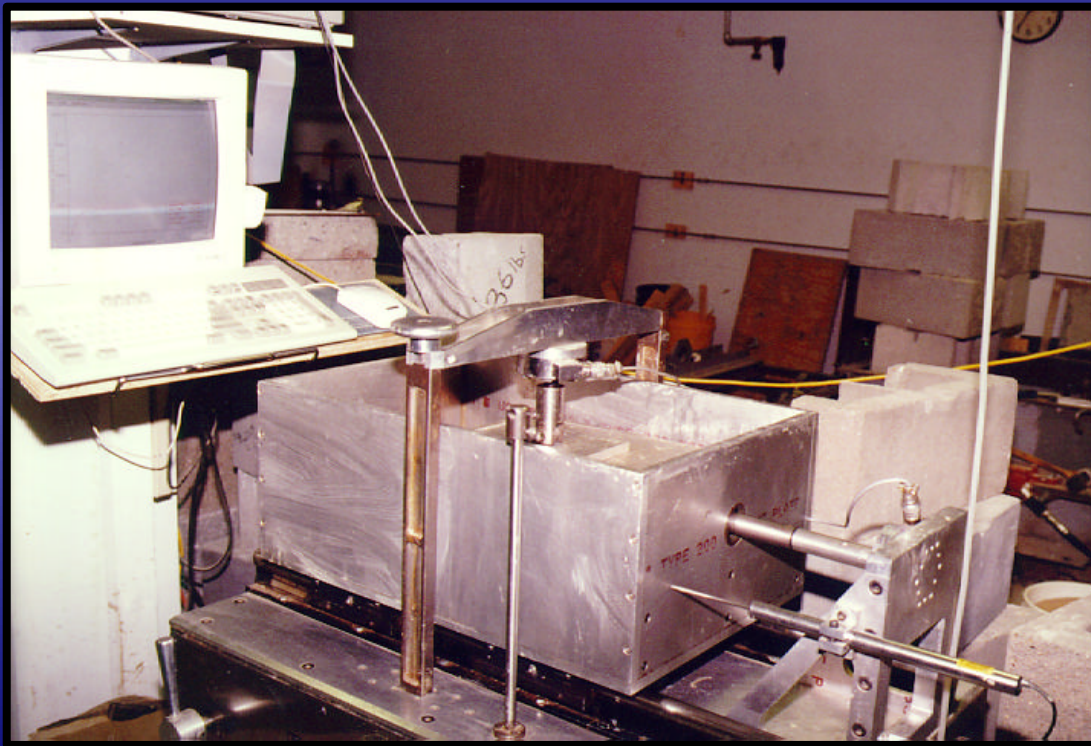


SEALED DOUBLE-RING INFILTRATION TESTING (SDRI)



PRE-DESIGN STUDY

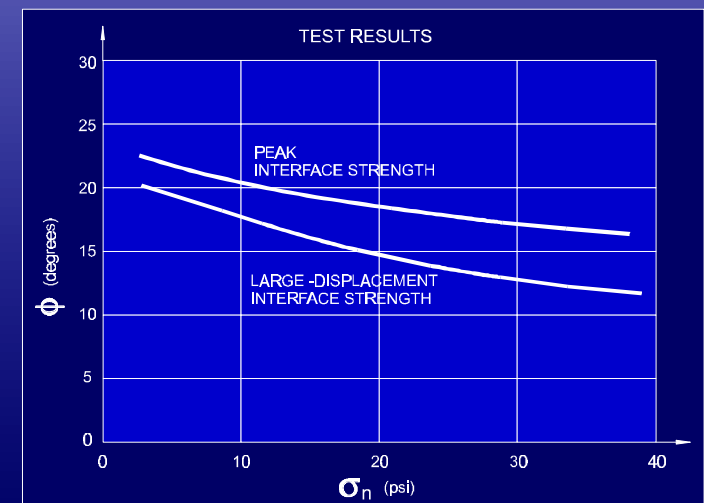
SOIL-GEOMEMBRANE INTERFACE TESTING



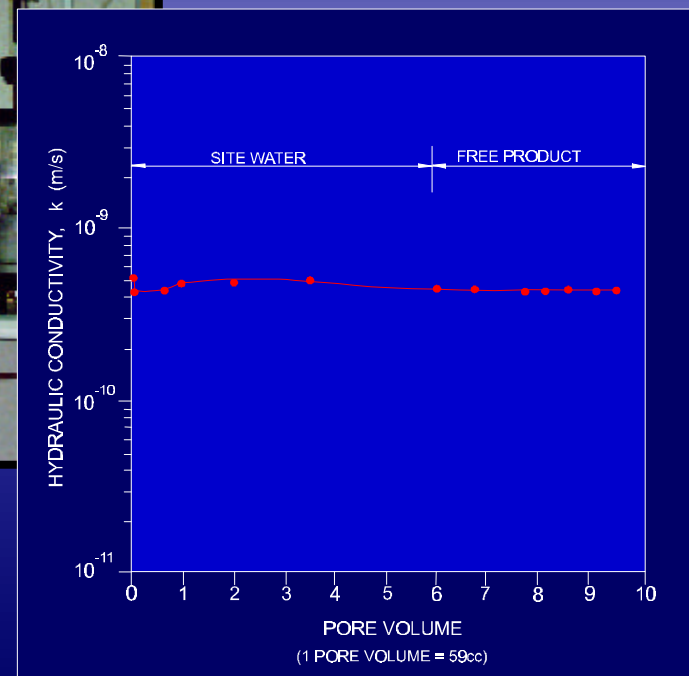
SHEAR TEST IN PROGRESS



**SAMPLE PREPARATION IN 12-IN. x 12-IN.
SHEAR BOX**



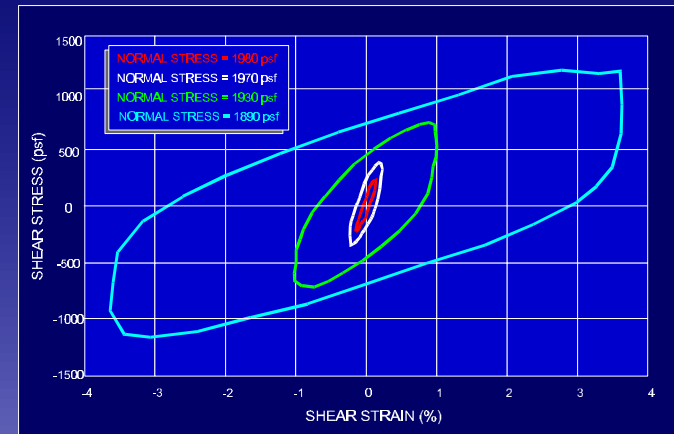
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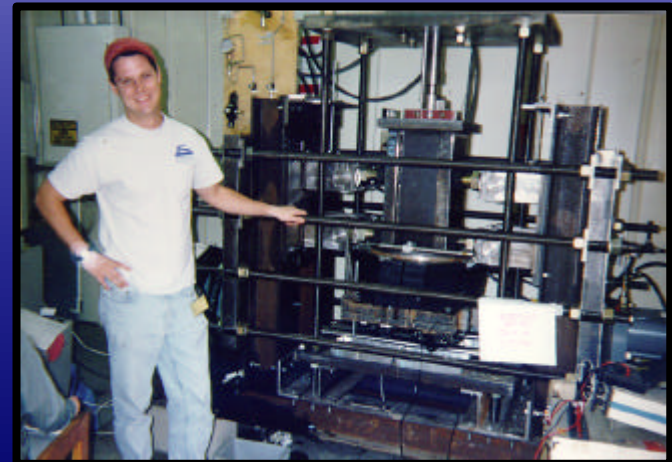
PRE-DESIGN STUDY CYCLIC SIMPLE SHEAR TESTING OF WASTE MASS



WASTE SAMPLING WITH LARGE-DIAMETER BUCKET AUGER



CYCLIC SIMPLE SHEAR TEST RESULTS
FOR WASTE SAMPLE



CYCLIC SIMPLE SHEAR DEVICE TO EVALUATE
WASTE DYNAMIC PROPERTIES (18-IN. DIAMETER)

DESIGN PROCESS

DETAILED DESIGN FOR FINAL COVER SYSTEMS

DESIGN PROCESS

DETAILED DESIGN

- ① LAYOUT AND GRADING**
- ② STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DESIGN**
- ③ GAS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DESIGN**
- ④ SELECT CAP COMPONENTS**
- ⑤ SETTLEMENT EVALUATION**
- ⑥ CAP SYSTEM INFILTRATION ANALYSIS**
- ⑦ FOUNDATION STABILITY EVALUATION**
- ⑧ DRAINAGE LAYER DESIGN**
- ⑨ CAP SLOPE STABILITY EVALUATION**
- ⑩ EROSION CONTROL**

DETAILED DESIGN

① LAYOUT AND GRADING

- Establish lateral limits of landfill
- Develop grading plan to minimize cut/fill requirements for waste and soil
- Establish benches to manage stormwater runoff and provide access
- Provide cover system access road as appropriate
- Develop final grading consistent with existing slopes, stormwater management, and slope stability

DETAILED DESIGN

② STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DESIGN

- ▶ Select design storm events (typical 25-yr. 24-hr.)
- ▶ Perform runoff and runoff routing analysis
- ▶ Design letdown structures to handle runoff
- ▶ Size perimeter channels, ditches, culverts, and outlet structures
- ▶ Size stormwater detention basin (if needed)

DETAILED DESIGN

③ GAS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DESIGN

- ▶ Prevent gas migration by convection and diffusion
- ▶ Passive systems intercept gas and channel to collection point or vent
- ▶ Active systems create pressure gradient
- ▶ Rule of thumb: one vent per acre of cap

DETAILED DESIGN

④ SELECT CAP COMPONENTS

- ▶ Identify CERCLA ARARs, RCRA requirements, or other (e.g., state program) design requirements
- ▶ Evaluate required performance levels (e.g., percent reduction in infiltration)
- ▶ Evaluate requirements for slope stability
- ▶ Evaluate requirements for freeze-thaw protection of components
- ▶ Assess material availability
- ▶ Choose components

POTENTIAL MATERIALS

Surface layer

- ▶ Top soil
- ▶ Geosynthetic erosion control layer
- ▶ Cobbles
- ▶ Paving material
- ▶ Others

Protection layer

- ▶ Soil
- ▶ Cobbles
- ▶ Others

Drainage layer

- ▶ Sand
- ▶ Gravel
- ▶ Geonet
- ▶ Others

Barrier layer

- ▶ Compacted clay
- ▶ Geomembrane
- ▶ Geosynthetic clay liner (GCL)
- ▶ Geomembrane/compacted clay composite
- ▶ Geomembrane/GCL composite
- ▶ GCL/compacted clay composite
- ▶ Others

Gas Collection layer

- ▶ Sand
- ▶ Gravel
- ▶ Geotextile
- ▶ Geonet
- ▶ Others

Foundation layer

- ▶ Soil
- ▶ Select waste
- ▶ Others

DETAILED DESIGN

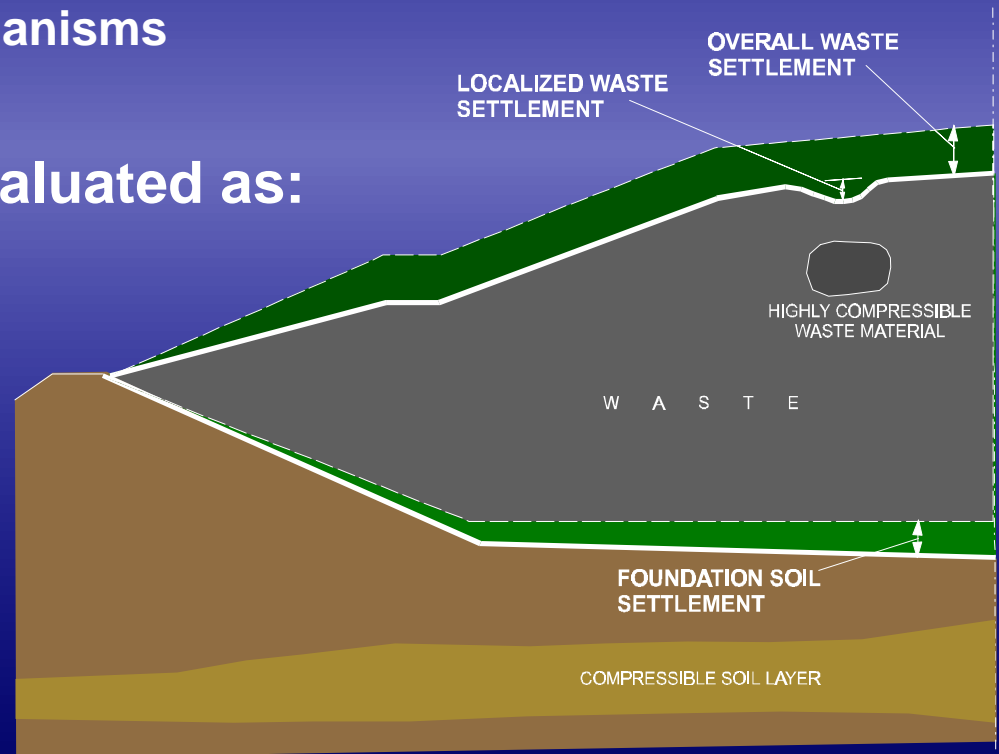
⑤ SETTLEMENT EVALUATION

Sources are:

- ▶ Settlement of foundation soils
- ▶ Settlement due to overall waste mass compressibility
- ▶ Settlement due to localized mechanisms

Overall waste mass compression evaluated as:

- ▶ Primary (load dependent)
- ▶ Secondary (time dependent)

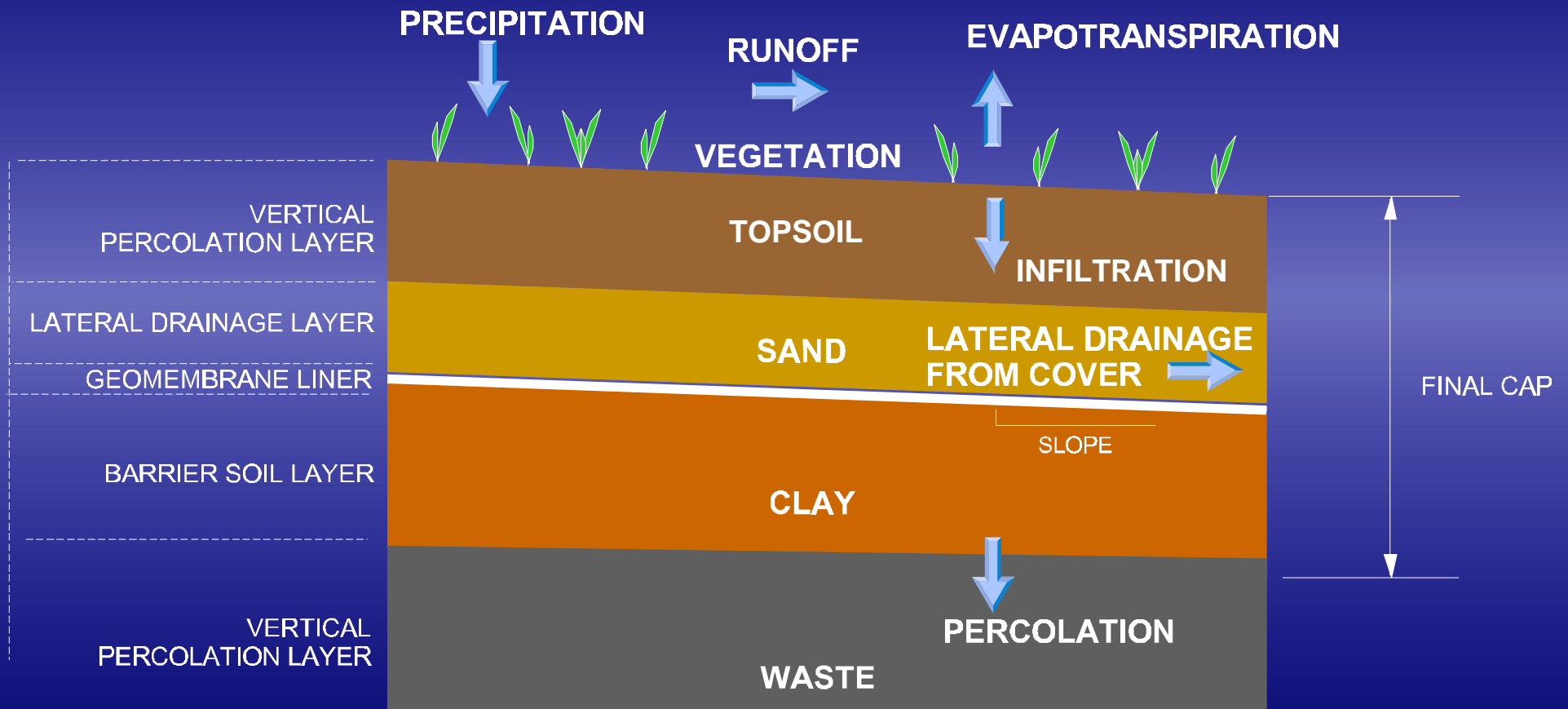


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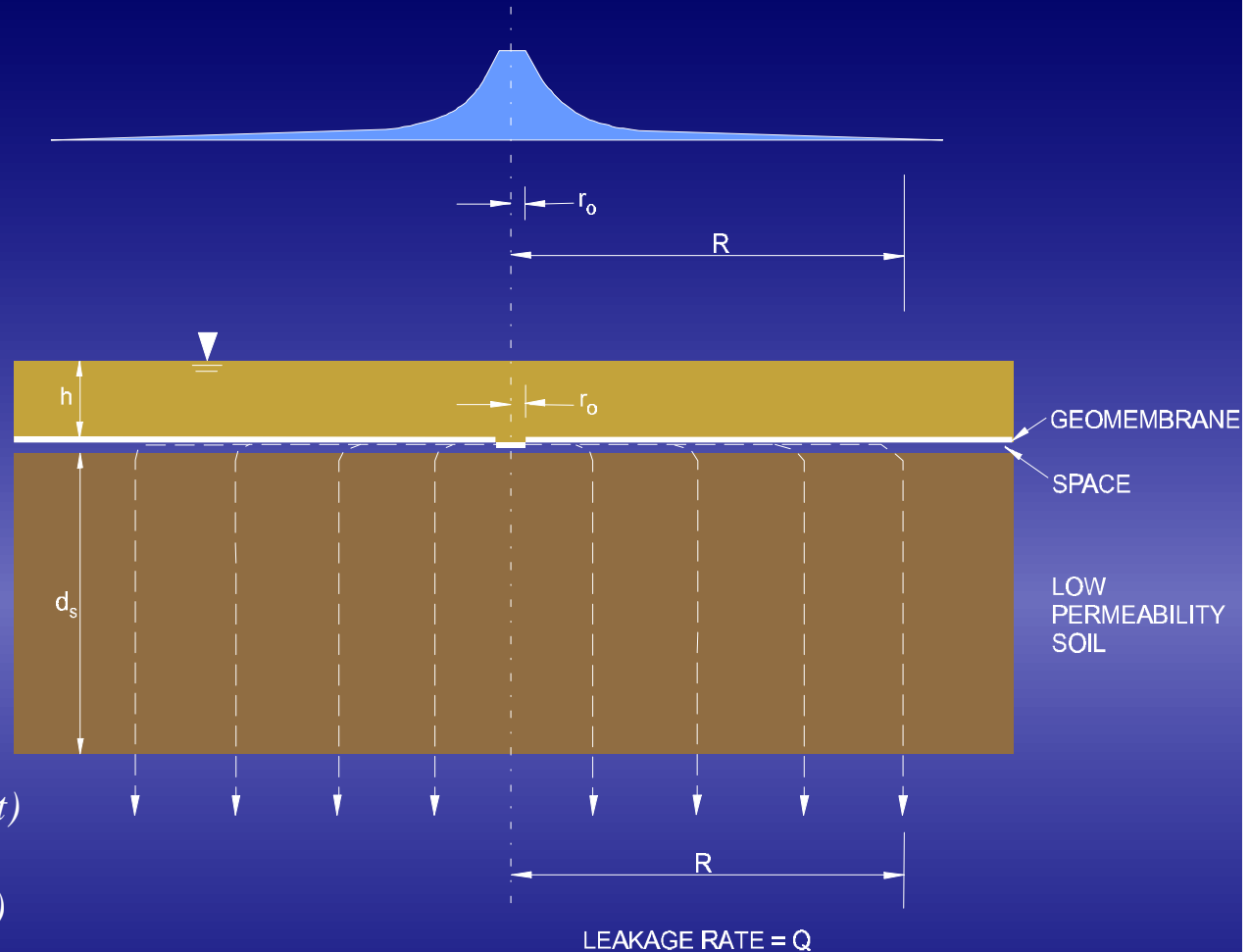
⑥ CAP SYSTEM INFILTRATION ANALYSIS

- ▶ Calculate water balance of the final cover system and waste source using USEPA HELP model
- ▶ Estimate geomembrane leakage

DETAILED DESIGN LANDFILL WATER BALANCE



DETAILED DESIGN GEOMEMBRANE LEAKAGE



$$Q = 0.21 a^{0.1} h^{0.9} k^{0.74} \text{ (for good contact)}$$

$$Q = 1.15 a^{0.1} h^{0.9} k^{0.74} \text{ (for poor contact)}$$

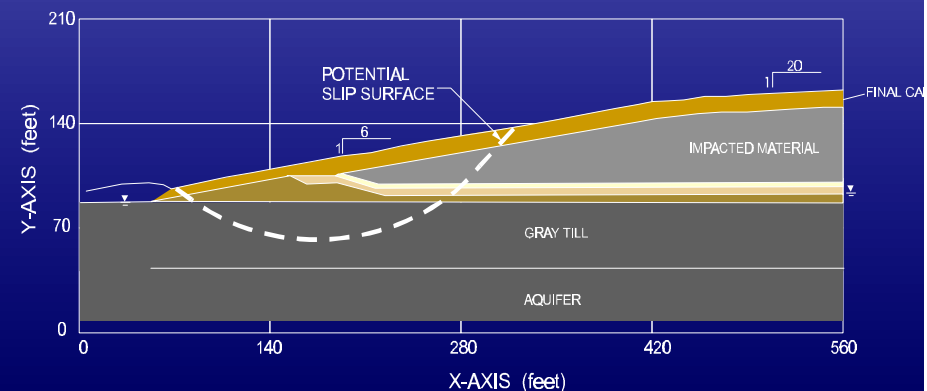
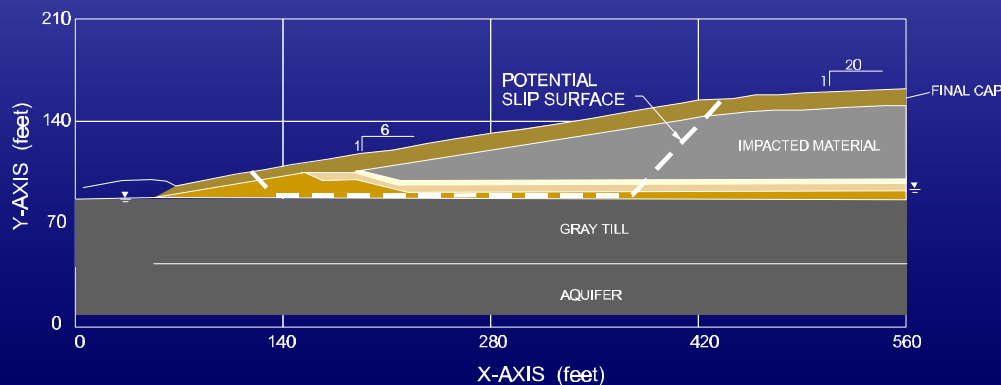
where: Q = infiltration rate through cap (m^3/s)
 a = geomembrane hole area (m^2)
 h = hydraulic head on cap (m)
 k = hydraulic conductivity of cap soil (m/s)

From Giroud and Bonaparte, 198

DETAILED DESIGN

7 FOUNDATION STABILITY EVALUATION

- ▶ Perform subsurface investigation as necessary to establish foundation shear strength
- ▶ Calculate foundation stability factor of safety using classical methods of geotechnical engineering
- ▶ Address special problems of building on sludge, in marsh, etc., as necessary
- ▶ Check seismic foundation stability if required



DETAILED DESIGN

⑧ DRAINAGE LAYER DESIGN

$$\frac{T_{\max}}{L} = \left[1 - 0.12 \exp \left[- \left[\log(8\lambda/5)^{5/8} \right]^2 \right] \right] \frac{\sqrt{1+4\lambda}-1}{2} \frac{(\tan\beta)}{(\cos\beta)}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{q_i / k}{\tan^2 \beta}$$

$$T_{\text{ave}} = \frac{q_i L}{2k \sin \beta}$$

T_{\max} = maximum liquid thickness (m)

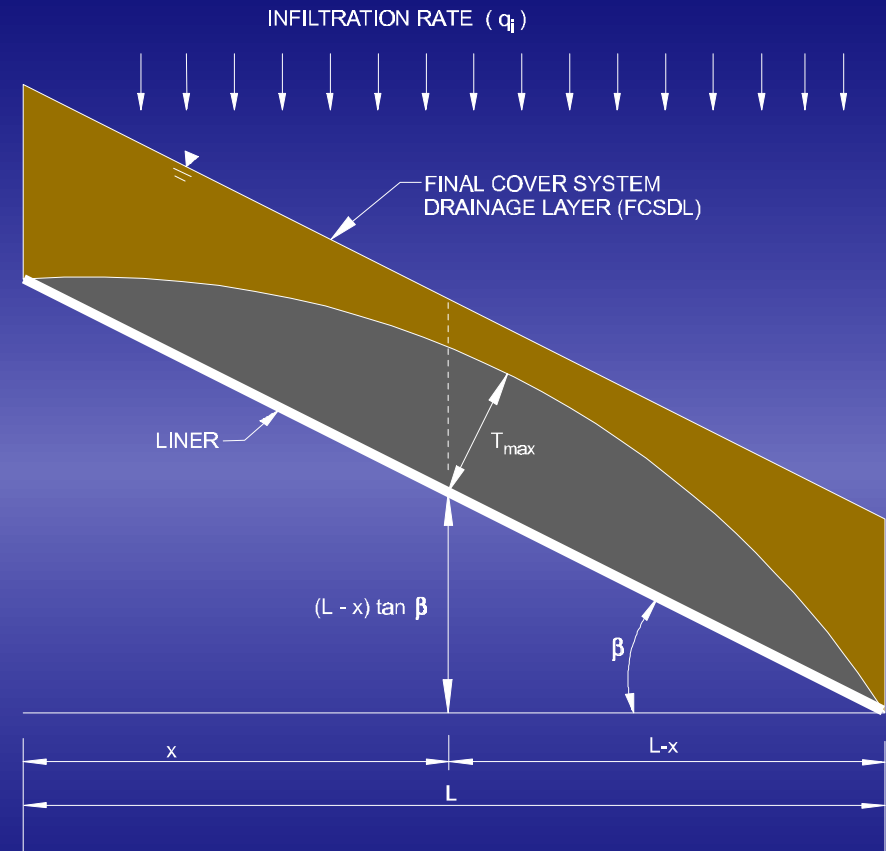
T_{ave} = average liquid thickness (m)

L = slope length (m)

k = hydraulic conductivity of LCS (m/s)

β = slope angle (degrees)

q_i = infiltration rate (m/s)



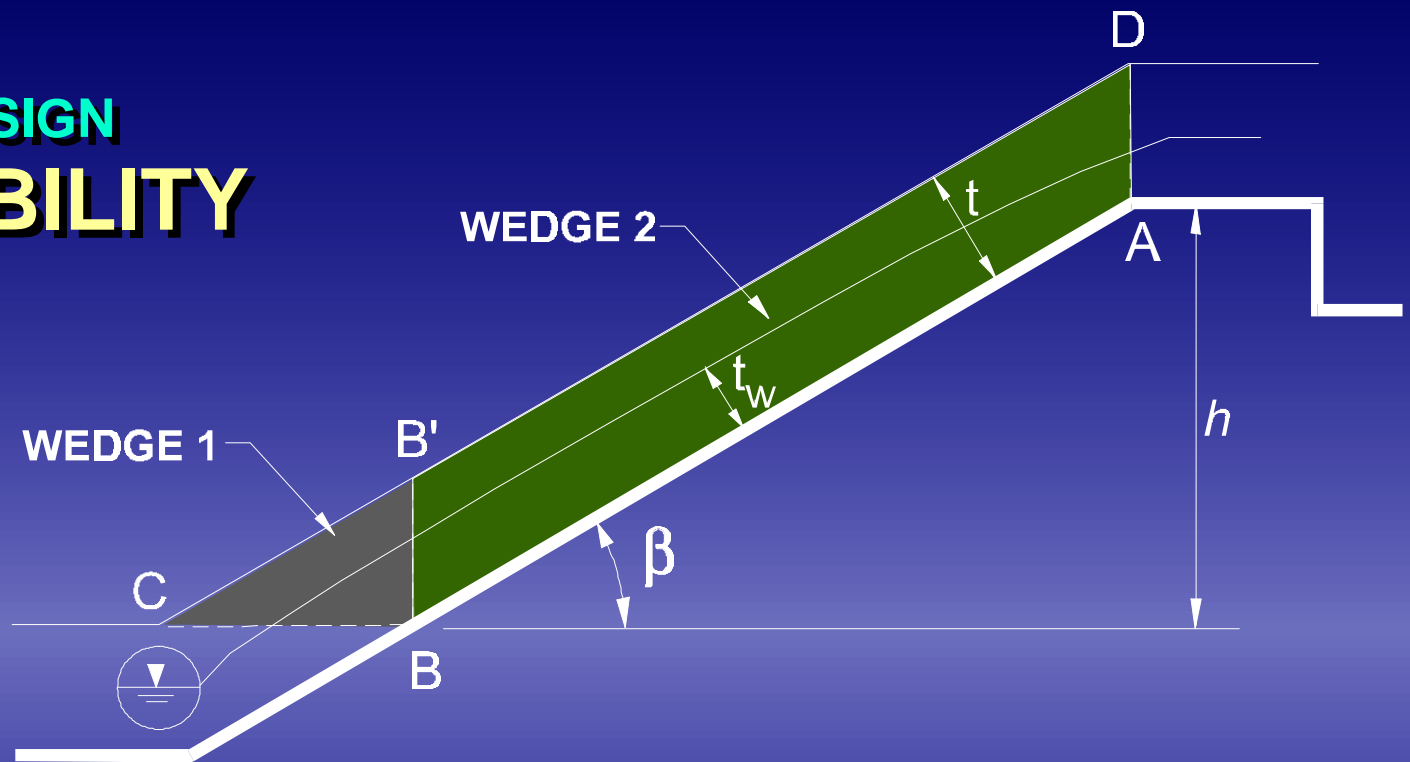
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DETAILED DESIGN

9 CAP SLOPE STABILITY EVALUATION

- ▶ Perform direct shear testing to evaluate soil-geosynthetic interface strengths
- ▶ Calculate slope stability factors of safety considering:
 - ▶ critical interface
 - ▶ pore water pressure
 - ▶ toe buttressing
 - ▶ geosynthetic reinforcement
 - ▶ soil strength parameters
- ▶ Check seismic slope stability as required
- ▶

DETAILED DESIGN SLOPE STABILITY



Above geomembrane:

$$FS_A = \frac{\gamma_b}{\gamma_{sat}} \frac{\tan \delta_A}{\tan \beta} + \frac{a_A}{\gamma_{sat} t \sin \beta} + \frac{\gamma_b}{\gamma_{sat}} \frac{t}{h} \frac{\sin \phi}{2 \sin \beta \cos \beta \cos(\beta + \phi)} + \frac{c}{\gamma_{sat} h} \frac{\cos \phi}{\sin \beta \cos(\beta + \phi)} + \frac{T}{\gamma_{sat} t h}$$

Below geomembrane:

$$FS_B = \frac{\tan \delta_B}{\tan \beta} + \frac{a_B}{\gamma_{sat} t \sin \beta} + \frac{\gamma_b}{\gamma_{sat}} \frac{t}{h} \frac{\sin \phi}{2 \sin \beta \cos \beta \cos(\beta + \phi)} + \frac{c}{\gamma_{sat} h} \frac{\cos \phi}{\sin \beta \cos(\beta + \phi)} + \frac{T}{\gamma_{sat} t h}$$

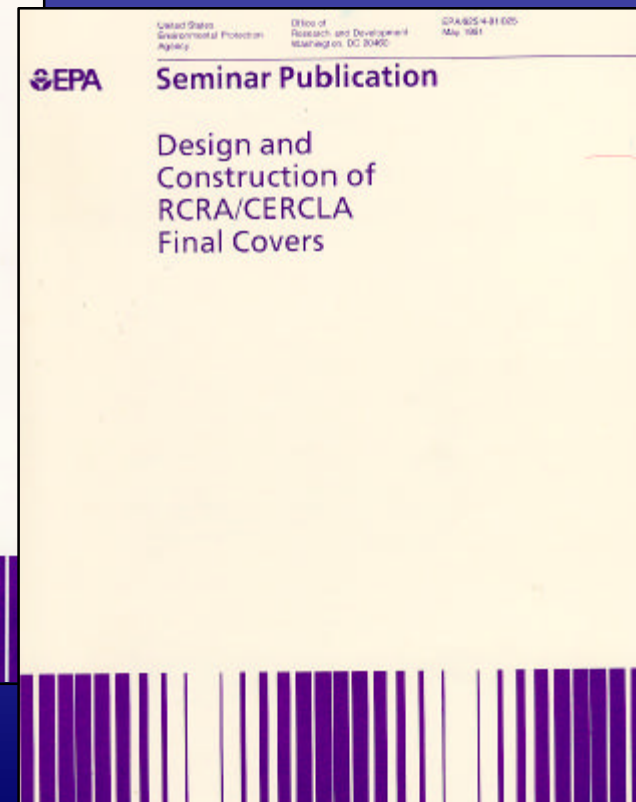
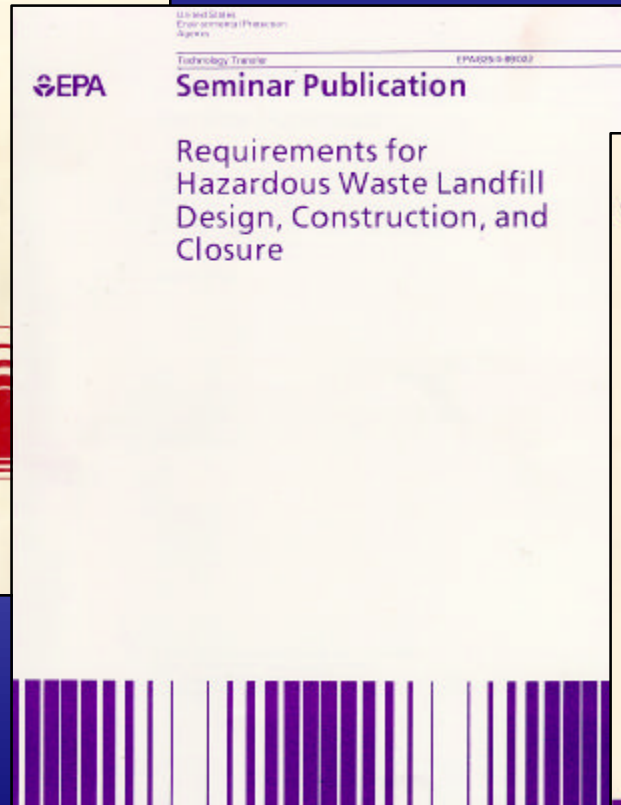
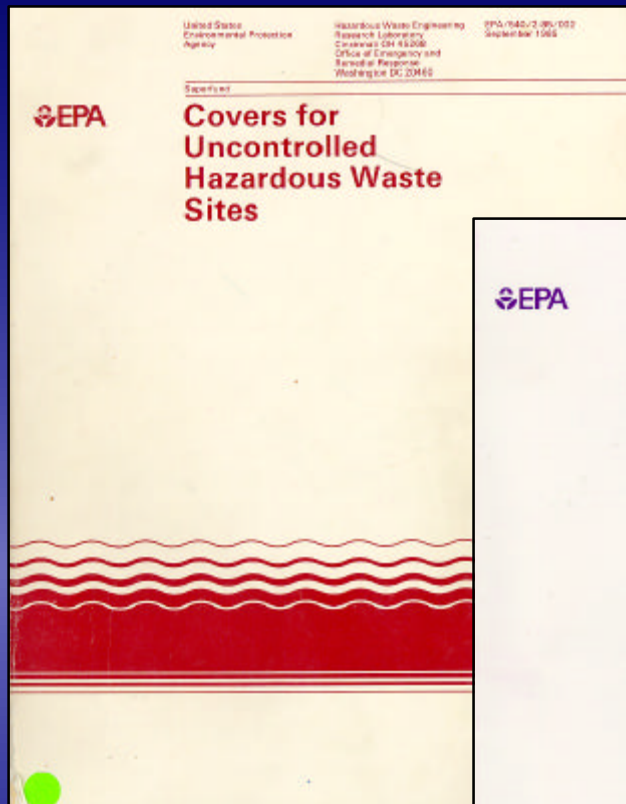
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DETAILED DESIGN

⑩ EROSION CONTROL

- ▶ Select location of construction-phase silt fences and straw bales
- ▶ Specify erosion-control matting for erodible exposed slopes
- ▶ Select topsoil, seed, and fertilizer mixes for final revegetation
- ▶ Specify riprap or other protection for culvert and ditch entrances and exits as necessary
- ▶ Universal soil loss equation: $A = R \times K \times LS \times VM$
 - A = rate of soil loss
 - R = rainfall energy factor
 - K = length and slope factor
 - LS = soil erodibility factor
 - VM = vegetative measures factor

DESIGN PROCESS GUIDANCE PUBLICATIONS



FOR MORE INFORMATION:



United States
Environmental Protection
Agency

Office of
Solid Waste and
Emergency Response

Directive No. 9355.0-49FS
EPA 540-F-93-035
PB 93-963339
September 1993

Presumptive Remedy for CERCLA Municipal Landfill Sites

Office of Emergency and Remedial Response
Hazardous Site Control Division 5203G

Quick Reference Fact Sheet

Since Superfund's inception in 1980, the remedial and removal programs have found that certain categories of sites have similar characteristics, such as types of contaminants present, types of disposal practices, or how environmental media are affected. Based on information acquired from evaluating and cleaning up these sites, the Superfund program is undertaking an initiative to develop presumptive remedies to accelerate future cleanups at these types of sites. The presumptive remedy approach is one tool of acceleration within the Superfund Accelerated Cleanup Model (SACM).

Presumptive remedies are preferred technologies for common categories of sites, based on historical patterns of remedy selection and EPA's scientific and engineering evaluation of performance data on technology implementation. The objective of the presumptive remedies initiative is to use the program's past experience to streamline site investigation and speed up selection of cleanup actions. Over time presumptive remedies are expected to ensure consistency in remedy selection and reduce the cost and time required to clean up similar types of sites. Presumptive remedies are expected to be used at all appropriate sites except under unusual site-specific circumstances.

This directive establishes **containment** as the presumptive remedy for CERCLA municipal landfills. The framework for the presumptive remedy for these sites is presented in a streamlining manual entitled *Conducting Remedial Investigations/Feasibility Studies for CERCLA Municipal Landfill Sites*, February 1991 (OSWER Directive 9355.3-11). This directive highlights and emphasizes the importance of certain streamlining principles related to the scoping (planning) stages of the remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) that were identified in the manual. The directive also provides clarification of and additional guidance in the following areas: (1) the level of detail appropriate for risk assessment of source areas at municipal landfills and (2) the characterization of hot spots.

BACKGROUND

Superfund has conducted pilot projects at four municipal landfill sites¹ on the National Priorities List (NPL) to evaluate the effectiveness of the manual *Conducting Remedial Investigations/Feasibility Studies for CERCLA Municipal Landfill Sites* (hereafter referred to as "the manual") as a streamlining tool and as the framework for the municipal landfill presumptive remedy. Consistent with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (or NCP), EPA's expectation was that containment technologies generally would be appropriate for municipal landfill waste because the volume and heterogeneity of the waste generally make treatment impracticable. The results of the pilots support this expectation and demonstrate that the manual is an effective tool for streamlining the RI/FS process for municipal landfills.

¹Municipal landfill sites typically contain a combination of principally municipal and to a lesser extent hazardous wastes.

Since the manual's development, the expectation to contain wastes at municipal landfills has evolved into a presumptive remedy for these sites.² Implementation of the streamlining principles outlined in the manual at the four pilot sites helped to highlight issues requiring further clarification, such as the degree to which risk assessments can be streamlined for source areas and the characterization and remediation of hot spots. The pilots also demonstrated the value of focusing streamlining efforts at the scoping stage, recognizing that the biggest savings in time and money can be realized if streamlining is incorporated at the beginning of the RI/FS process. Accordingly, this directive addresses those issues identified during the pilots and highlights streamlining opportunities to be considered during the scoping component of the RI/FS.

²See EPA Publication 9203.1-01, SACM Bulletin, *Presumptive Remedies for Municipal Landfill Sites*, April 1992, Vol. 1, No. 1, and February 1993, Vol. 2, No. 1, and SACM Bulletin *Presumptive Remedies*, August 1992, Vol. 1, No. 3.

Finally, while the primary focus of the municipal landfill manual is on streamlining the RI/FS, Superfund's goal under SACM is to accelerate the entire clean-up process. Other guidance issued under the municipal landfill presumptive remedy initiative identifies design data that may be collected during the RI/FS to streamline the overall response process for these sites (see Publication 9355.3-18FS, *Presumptive Remedies: CERCLA Landfill Caps Data Collection Guide*, to be published in October 1993).

CONTAINMENT AS A PRESUMPTIVE REMEDY

Section 300.430(a)(ii)(B) of the NCP contains the expectation that engineering controls, such as containment, will be used for waste that poses a relatively long-term threat or where treatment is impracticable. The presumptive to the NCP identifies municipal landfills as a type of site where treatment of the waste may be impracticable because of the size and heterogeneity of contents (55 FR 8704). Waste in CERCLA landfills is typically present in large volumes and is a heterogeneous mixture of municipal waste frequently co-disposed with industrial and/or hazardous waste. Because treatment usually is impracticable, EPA generally considers containment to be the appropriate response action, or the "presumptive remedy," for the source areas of municipal landfill sites.

The presumptive remedy for CERCLA municipal landfill sites relates primarily to containment of the landfill mass and collection and/or treatment of landfill leachate. In addition, measures to control landfill leachate, including ground water at the perimeter of the landfill, and/or upgradient ground-water that is causing saturation of the landfill mass may be implemented as part of the presumptive remedy.

The presumptive remedy does not address exposure pathways outside the source area (landfill), nor does it include the long-term ground-water response action, additional RI/FS activities, including a risk assessment, that may need to be performed, as appropriate, to address those exposure pathways outside the source area. It is expected that RI/FS activities addressing exposure pathways outside the source generally will be conducted concurrently with the streamlined RI/FS for the landfill source presumptive remedy. A response action for exposure pathways outside the source (if any) may be selected together with the presumptive remedy (thereby developing a comprehensive site response), or as an operable unit separate from the presumptive remedy.

Highlight 1 identifies the components of the presumptive remedy. Response actions selected for individual sites will include only those components that are necessary, based on site-specific conditions.

Highlight 1: Components of the Presumptive Remedy: Source Containment

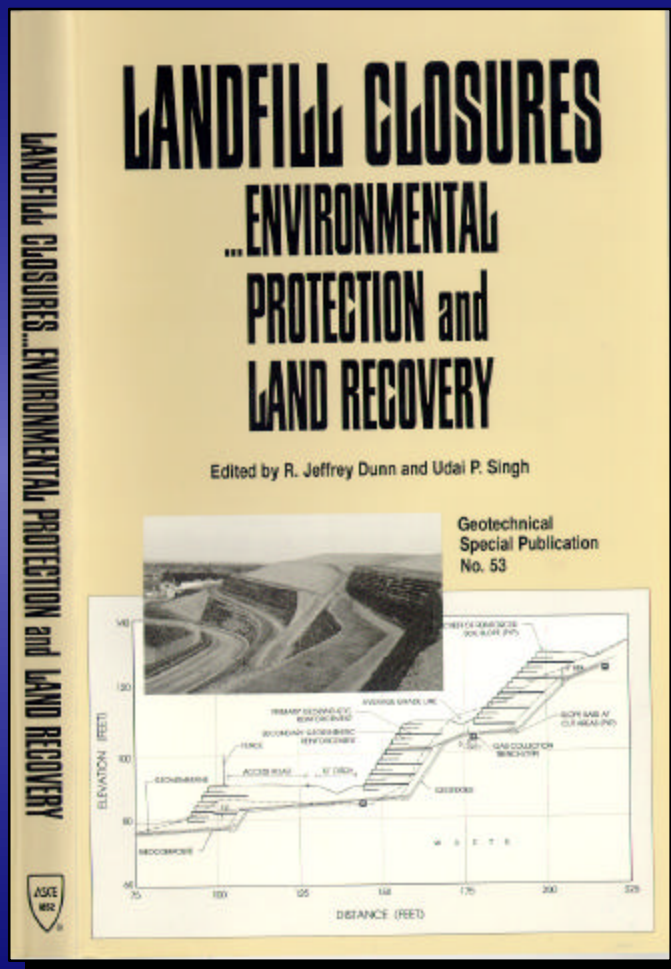
- Landfill cap;
- Source area ground-water control to contain plume;
- Leachate collection and treatment;
- Landfill gas collection and treatment; and/or
- Institutional controls to supplement engineering controls.

The EPA (or State) site manager will make the initial decision of whether a particular municipal landfill site is suitable for the presumptive remedy or whether a more comprehensive RI/FS is required. Generally, this determination will depend on whether the site is suitable for a streamlined risk evaluation, as described on page 4. The community, state, and potentially responsible parties (PRPs) should be notified that a presumptive remedy is being considered for the site before work on the RI/FS work plan is initiated. The notification may take the form of a fact sheet, a notice in a local newspaper, and/or a public meeting.

Use of the presumptive remedy eliminates the need for the initial identification and screening of alternatives during the feasibility study (FS). Section 300.430(e)(1) of the NCP states that, "... the lead agency shall include an alternatives screening step, when needed, (emphasis added) to select a reasonable number of alternatives for detailed analysis."

EPA conducted an analysis of potentially available technologies for municipal landfills and found that certain technologies are routinely and appropriately screened out on the basis of effectiveness, feasibility, or cost (NCP Section 300.430(e)(7)). (See Appendix A to this directive and "Feasibility Study Analysis for CERCLA Municipal Landfills," September 1993 available at EPA Headquarters and Regional Offices.) Based on this analysis, the universe of alternatives that will be analyzed in detail may be limited to the components of the containment remedy identified in Highlight 1, unless site-specific conditions dictate otherwise or alternatives are considered that were not addressed in the FS analysis. The FS analysis document, together with this directive, must be included in the administrative record for each municipal landfill presumptive remedy site to support elimination of the initial identification and screening of site-specific alternatives. Further detailed and comprehensive

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



DESIGN OF MSW LANDFILL FINAL COVER SYSTEMS

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This paper summarizes the current state of practice regarding the design of "conventional" final cover systems for municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills in the United States. The paper provides brief descriptions of design methods and practices that are commonly used by the general engineering community. Where available, the advantages and disadvantages of using more sophisticated methods are discussed. The major design aspects considered relate to: (i) flow of water and gas through the final cover system; (ii) impacts of waste settlement on the performance of final cover system components; (iii) static and dynamic cover system stability; and (iv) surface-water management.

Introduction

Overview. The purpose of this paper is to review methods and practices commonly used by the general engineering community in the design of final cover systems for MSW landfills. Final cover systems form one component of the integrated group of engineered systems used at landfills to achieve environmentally sound disposal of MSW. Other components include liner systems, daily and intermediate cover systems, leachate collection and removal systems, gas collection and removal systems, and surface-water management systems. The general layout of these systems (excluding the intermediate cover system) at a landfill is shown in Figure 1.

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²GeoSynTec Consultants, 1304 East 43rd Street, Austin, TX 78751.

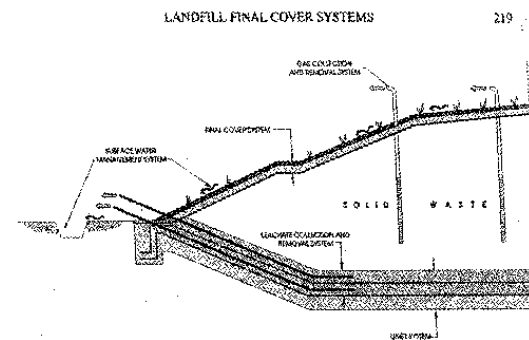


Figure 1. General layout of engineered systems used for liquid and gas containment/collection at MSW landfills.

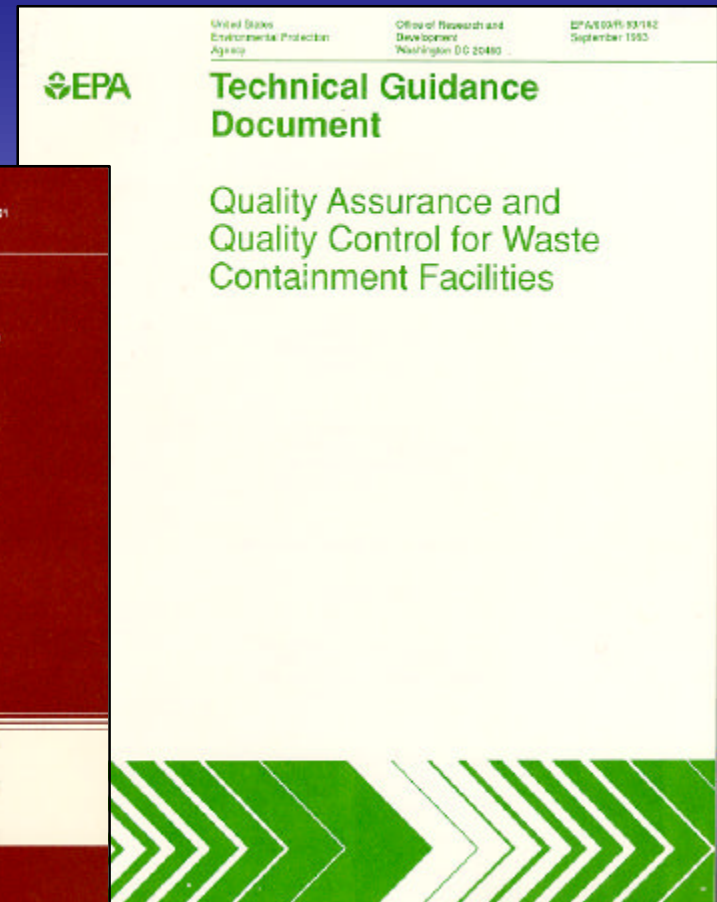
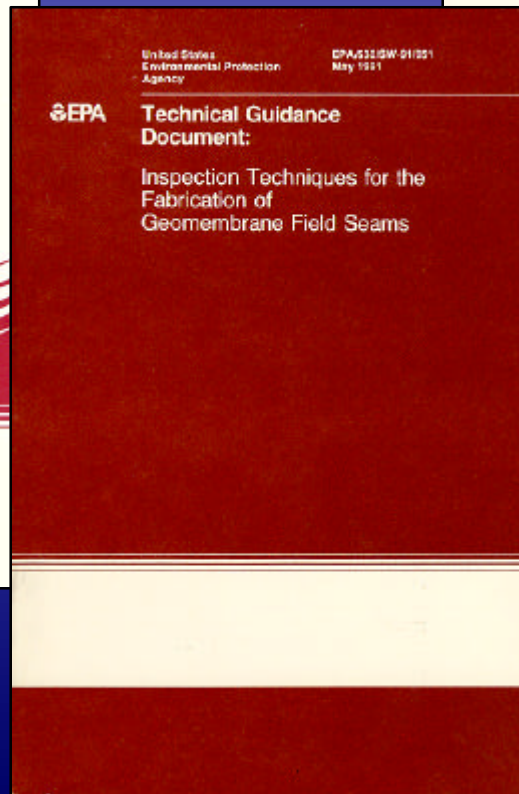
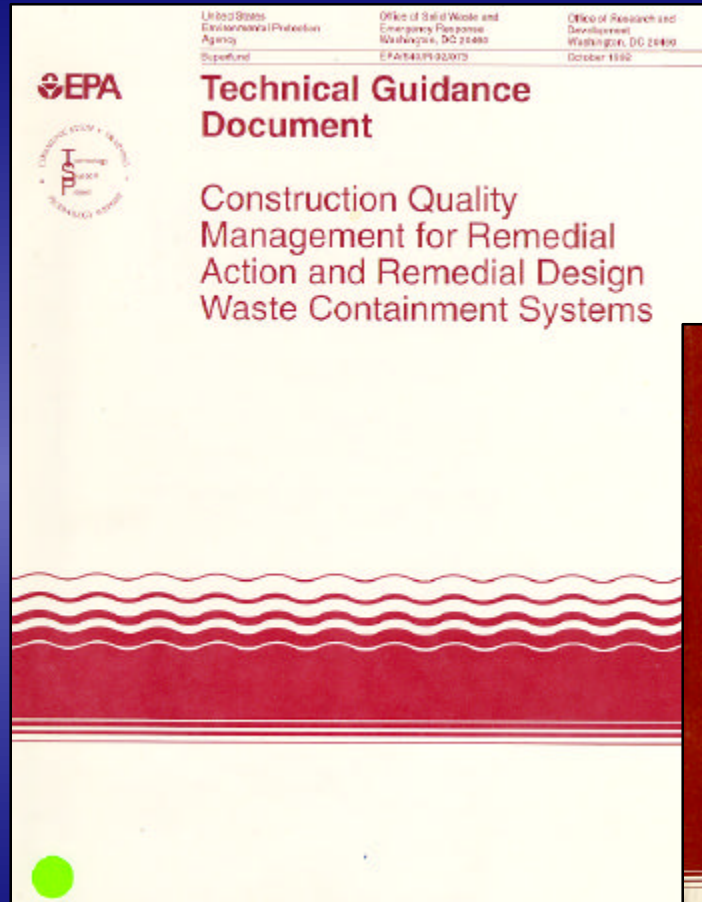
The principal functions of a landfill final cover system are:

- minimize water and air infiltration into the landfill;
- minimize gas migration out of the landfill;
- serve as a system for control of odors, disease vectors, and other nuisances; and
- serve as a component of the landfill surface-water management system.

The focus of this paper is on "conventional" final cover systems consisting of a series of soil and geosynthetic layers. Typically, these systems contain hydraulic barrier layers overlain by drainage and surface layers. Alternative final cover systems, including, for instance, monolithic covers, covers incorporating capillary barriers, and covers incorporating cobble surface layers, are applicable to limited specific design applications, particularly certain applications in arid environments. In these environments, it is difficult to maintain the required moisture content of soil barrier layers during construction, the soil barrier layers are susceptible to desiccation cracking, the surface vegetation is stressed by lack of available water, and the surface layer is susceptible to erosion. The authors are aware of field studies to evaluate the performance of alternative cover systems. Studies are currently underway at a number of locations, including sites near El Paso, Texas, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Rickland, Washington. Due to page-limit constraints, these alternative cover systems are not addressed in this paper.

CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES & QA/QC

CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL/ASSURANCE PROCEDURES ARE WELL ESTABLISHED





CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES & QA/QC

- ▶ **Compacted Clay Liner (CCL)**
- ▶ **Geosynthetics**
 - **Geosynthetic Clay Liner (GCL)**
 - **Geomembrane (GM)**
 - **Geonet (GN)**
 - **Geotextile (GT)**
- ▶ **Sand Drainage Layer**
- ▶ **Penetrations**
- ▶ **Test Fills**

COMPACTED CLAY LINER QA/QC

- ▶ **Borrow Source Assessment**
- ▶ **Classification Testing**
- ▶ **Moisture & Density Testing**
- ▶ **Hydraulic Conductivity Testing**
- ▶ **Placement**

COMPACTED CLAY LINER QA/QC BORROW SOURCE ASSESSMENT



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COMPACTED CLAY LINER QA/QC
PONDS CREATED FROM BORROW AREA

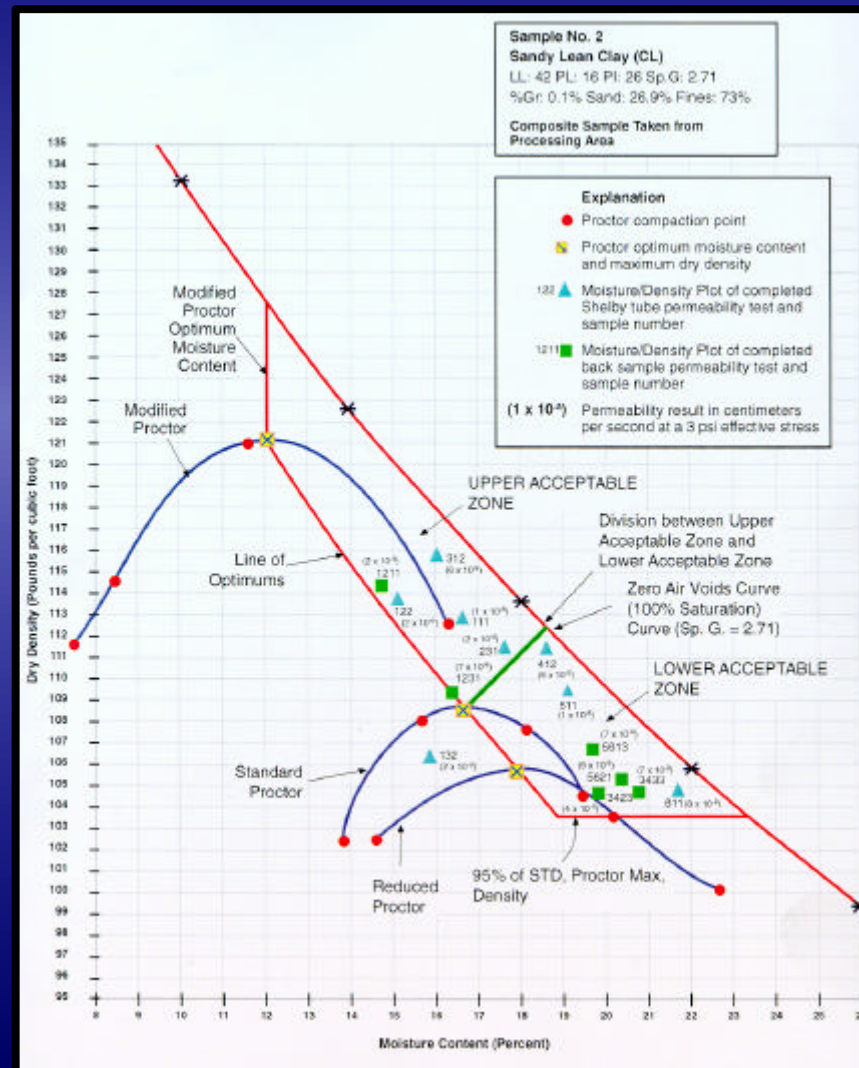


NEW LYME LANDFILL

COMPACTED CLAY LINER QA/QC

MOISTURE/DENSITY CURVE AND

HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY TESTING



COMPACTED CLAY LINER QA/QC PLACEMENT

- ▶ **Classification Testing**
- ▶ **Lift Thickness**
- ▶ **Compaction Equipment**
- ▶ **Scarification**
- ▶ **Repair of Voids**
- ▶ **Prevention of Desiccation or Freezing**
- ▶ **Excess Surface Water**

**COMPACTED CLAY LINER QA/QC
PLACEMENT -
CLASSIFICATION TESTING**

- ▶ **Mechanical Analysis (ASTM D 422)**
- ▶ **Atterberg Limits (ASTM D 4318)**
- ▶ **Classification (ASTM D 2487)**

COMPACTED CLAY LINER QA/QC PLACEMENT - MOISTURE, DENSITY, & HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY TESTING

▶ Moisture Content

- Oven (ASTM D 2216)**
- Microwave (ASTM D 4643)**
- Nuclear (ASTM D 3017)**

▶ Density

- Sand-Cone (ASTM D 1556)**
- Rubber Balloon (ASTM D 2167)**
- Nuclear (ASTM D 2922)**

▶ Hydraulic Conductivity (ASTM D 5084)

COMPACTED CLAY LINER QA/QC PLACEMENT - IN-PLACE NUCLEAR MOISTURE/DENSITY TESTING



SOIL NUCLEAR MOISTURE/DENSITY TESTING



TESTING FORMS BECOME A PART OF THE FINAL PROJECT RECORD

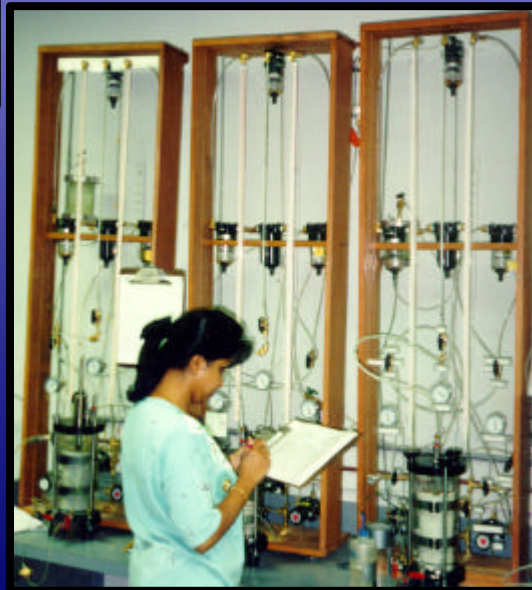
COMPACTED CLAY LINER QA/QC PLACEMENT - HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY TESTING



PUSHING THIN-WALLED TUBES
FOR UNDISTURBED SAMPLES

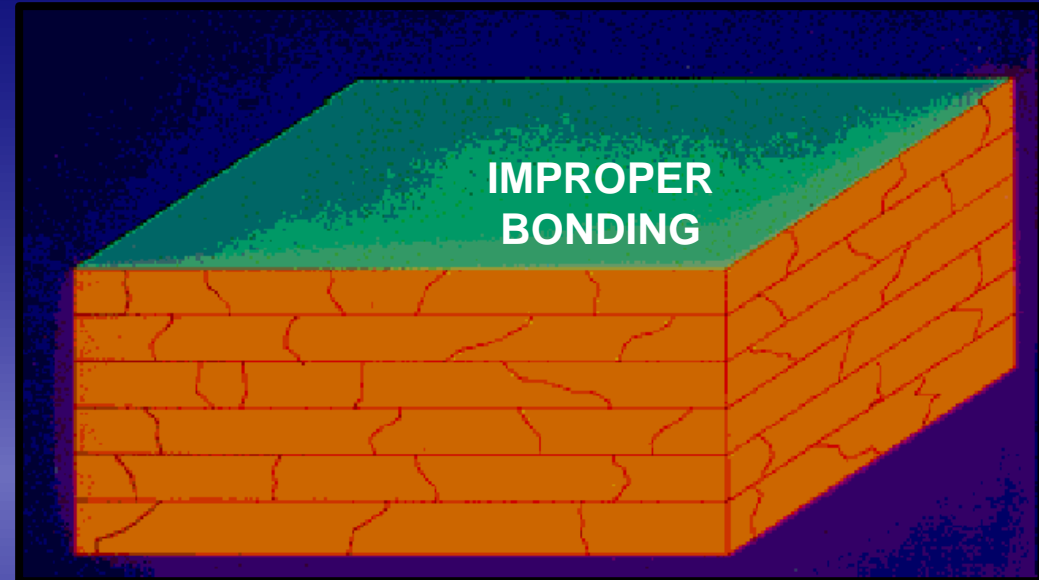


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COMPACTED CLAY LINER QA/QC PLACEMENT - SCARIFICATION



**SCARIFYING FOR
GOOD INTERLIFT BOND**



COMPACTED CLAY LINER QA/QC PLACEMENT - PREVENTION OF DESICCATION OR FREEZING

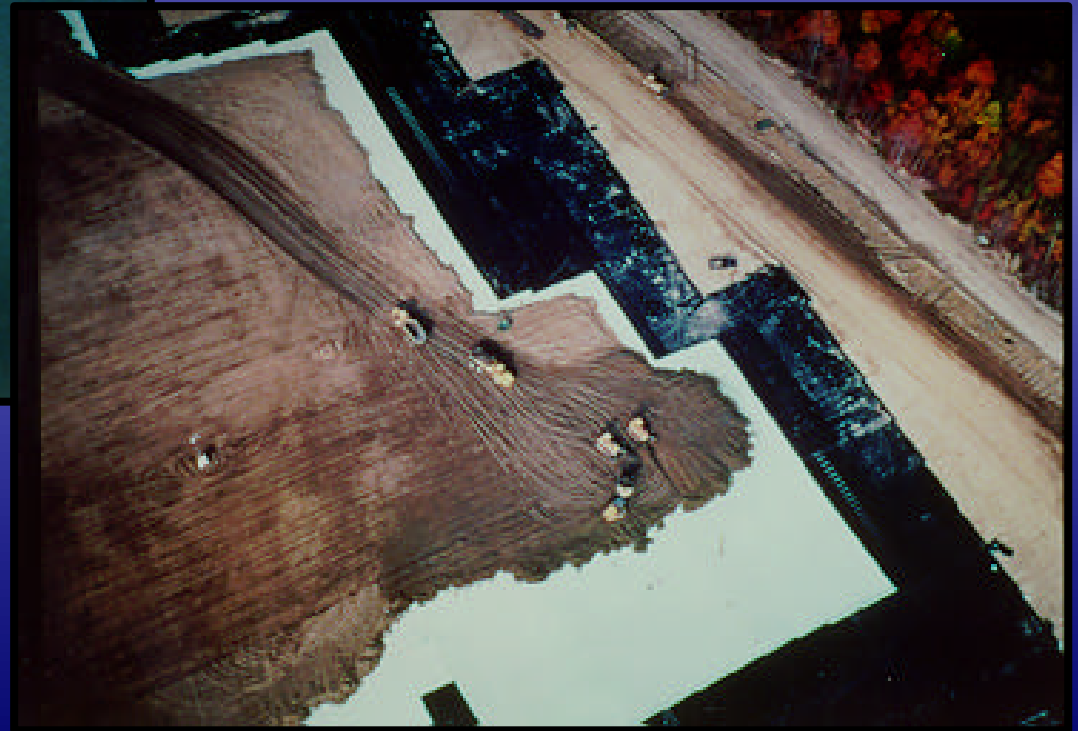
MAINTAIN CLAY MOISTURE



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**COMPACTED CLAY LINER QA/QC
PLACEMENT -
PREVENTION OF DESICCATION OR FREEZING**



PROGRESSION OF CAP - NEW LYME LANDFILL

GEOSYNTHETIC CLAY LINER QA/QC

- ▶ **Qualifications**
- ▶ **Drawings and Other Submittals**
- ▶ **Delivery, Storage, and Handling**
- ▶ **Properties**
- ▶ **Deployment**
- ▶ **Testing**

GEOSYNTHETIC CLAY LINER QA/QC DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING



GEOSYNTHETIC CLAY LINER QA/QC PROPERTIES

- ▶ **Bentonite Type**
 - X-Ray Diffraction (75% montmorillonite)
 - Free Swell (35 mL minimum)
- ▶ **Bentonite Mass (ASTM D 5261)**
- ▶ **Tensile Strength (ASTM D 4632)**
- ▶ **Shear Strength (ASTM D 5321)**
- ▶ **Permeability (ASTM D 5887)**

GEOSYNTHETIC CLAY LINER QA/QC DEPLOYMENT



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GEOMEMBRANE QA/QC

- ▶ **Qualifications**
- ▶ **Drawings and Other Submittals**
- ▶ **Delivery, Storage, and Handling**
- ▶ **Properties**
- ▶ **Deployment**
- ▶ **Testing**

GEOMEMBRANE QA/QC

DRAWINGS AND OTHER SUBMITTALS

- ▶ **Manufacturer**
 - QC Manuals/Test Results
 - Samples
 - Penetration Details

- ▶ **Contractor**
 - Panel Layout
 - Certified Test Results
 - As-built Drawings

GEOMEMBRANE QA/QC PROPERTIES

- ▶ **Material Type**
- ▶ **Texturing**
- ▶ **Thickness (ASTM D 1593)**
- ▶ **Tensile Strength (ASTM D 638)**
- ▶ **Puncture (ASTM D 4833)**
- ▶ **Multi-Axial Tensile (ASTM D 5617)**

GEOMEMBRANE QA/QC

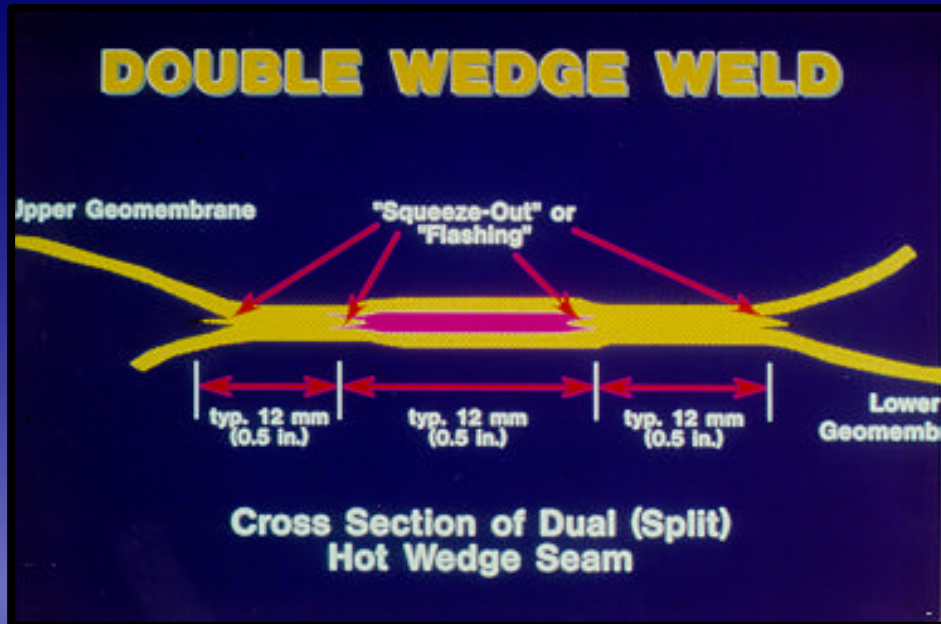
PROPERTIES - POLYETHYLENE

- ▶ **Carbon Black (ASTM D 1603)**
- ▶ **Environmental Stress Crack (ASTM D 5397)**

GEOMEMBRANE QA/QC DEPLOYMENT

- ▶ **Subgrade Preparation**
- ▶ **Parallel to Direction of Maximum Slope**
- ▶ **Seam Tests**
 - **Leaks**
 - **Shear Strength (ASTM D 4437)**
 - **Peel Strength (ASTM D 4437)**
- ▶ **Cover**

GEOMEMBRANE QA/QC FUSION (DOUBLE WEDGE) SEAMS



GEOMEMBRANE QA/QC

FUSION (DOUBLE WEDGE) SEAM TESTING



GEOMEMBRANE QA/QC

EXTRUSION SEAMS - GEOMEMBRANE REPAIRS



GEOMEMBRANE QA/QC EXTRUSION SEAM TESTING



GEONET QA/QC

- ▶ **Qualifications**
- ▶ **Drawings and Other Submittals**
- ▶ **Delivery, Storage, and Handling**
- ▶ **Properties**
- ▶ **Deployment**
- ▶ **Testing**

GEONET QA/QC PROPERTIES

- ▶ **Polymer**
 - Density (ASTM D 1505)
 - Melt Index (ASTM D 1238)
- ▶ **Carbon Black (ASTM D 4218)**
- ▶ **Tensile Strength (ASTM D 4595)**
- ▶ **Transmissivity (ASTM D 4716)**
- ▶ **Bond Properties (ASTM D 413)**

GEONET QA/QC DEPLOYMENT

- ▶ **Down slope**
- ▶ **Seam**
 - **Ties of Contrasting Color**
 - **Non-metallic**
- ▶ **Cover Soil**
 - **Lift Thickness**
 - **Equipment Restrictions**

GEONET QA/QC DEPLOYMENT



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HAVERTOWN SUPERFUND SITE

GEOTEXTILE QA/QC

- ▶ **Qualifications**
- ▶ **Drawings and Other Submittals**
- ▶ **Delivery, Storage, and Handling (ASTM D 4873)**
- ▶ **Properties**
- ▶ **Deployment**
- ▶ **Testing**

GEOTEXTILE QA/QC PROPERTIES

- ▶ **Apparent Opening Size (ASTM D 4751)**
- ▶ **Permittivity (ASTM D 4491)**
- ▶ **UV Degradation (ASTM D 4355)**
- ▶ **Puncture (ASTM D 4833)**
- ▶ **Grab Tensile (ASTM D 4632)**
- ▶ **Trapezoidal Tear (ASTM D 4533)**
- ▶ **Burst Strength (ASTM D 3786)**

GEOTEXTILE QA/QC DEPLOYMENT

- ▶ **Down slope**
- ▶ **Seam**
 - **Overlap**
 - **Type and Strength**
- ▶ **Cover Soil**
 - **Lift Thickness**
 - **Equipment Restrictions**

SAND DRAINAGE LAYER

- ▶ **Testing**
- ▶ **Construction**

SAND DRAINAGE LAYER TESTING

- ▶ **Potential Borrow Source Investigation**
 - Grain Size (ASTM D 422)
 - Hydraulic Conductivity (ASTM D 2434)
 - Carbonate Content (ASTM D 4373)

- ▶ **After Placement**
 - Grain Size (ASTM D 422)
 - Hydraulic Conductivity (ASTM D 2434)
 - Carbonate Content (ASTM D 4373)

SAND DRAINAGE LAYER CONSTRUCTION

- ▶ **Removal**
 - Oversized Material
 - Angular Material
 - Fines
- ▶ **Place Upslope**
- ▶ **Minimal Compaction Requirements**

PENETRATIONS QA/QC

- ▶ **Pipe boots factory fabricated**
- ▶ **Skirt should be greater than 12 inches in length**
- ▶ **Seaming and testing**
- ▶ **Stainless steel clamps and neoprene cushion**
- ▶ **Dry bentonite for GCLs**

TEST FILLS

- ▶ Objectives
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Testing

TEST FILLS

OBJECTIVES

- ▶ **Construct full landfill cap cross section in accordance with drawings & specifications**
- ▶ **Model construction sequencing**
- ▶ **Determine material placement criteria**
- ▶ **Verify contractor's proposed construction equipment, materials, and procedures**
- ▶ **Material survivability**

TEST FILLS

CONSTRUCTION

- ▶ **Work plan submittal**
- ▶ **Construct in accordance with work plan**
- ▶ **Survey to monitor movement**
- ▶ **Carefully dismantle to note damage**
- ▶ **Video tape construction and dismantling**
- ▶ **Testing**
- ▶ **Post Construction report**

TEST FILLS **TESTING**

- ▶ **Compacted Clay Liner**
 - **Moisture Content**
 - **Density**
 - **Hydraulic Conductivity**

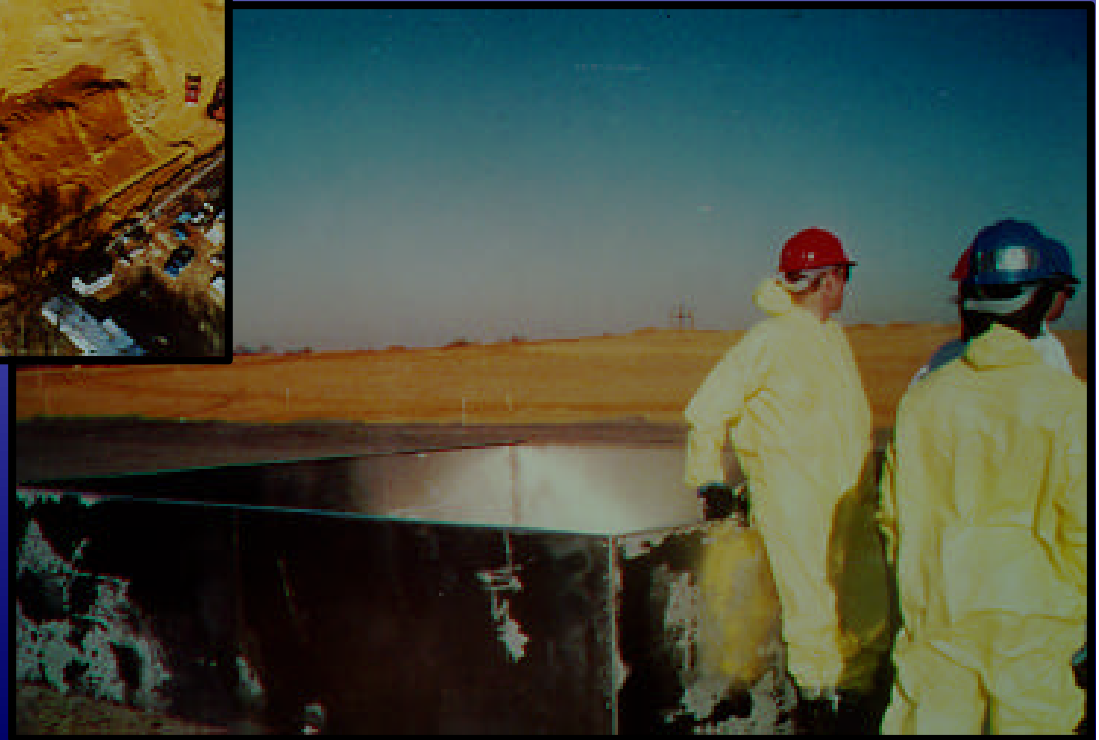
- ▶ **Geosynthetics**
 - **Seam strength**
 - **Seam leaks**

TEST FILLS

PLACE AND TEST COMPACTED CLAY LINER - SDRI



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TEST FILLS
SURVEY TO MONITOR MOVEMENT



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TEST FILLS QA/QC



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TEST FILLS CAREFULLY DISMANTLE TO NOTE DAMAGE



TEST FILLS

EXPOSED GEOSYNTHETICS AND SEAM TESTING



LANDFILL CASE STUDIES

LANDFILL CASE STUDIES

- ▶ Allen Harbor, RI
- ▶ MacAllister Point, RI
- ▶ Camp Pendleton, CA
- ▶ White Oak, MD
- ▶ Pax River, MD
- ▶ Bainbridge, MD
- ▶ March AFB, CA
- ▶ Hamilton AFB, CA

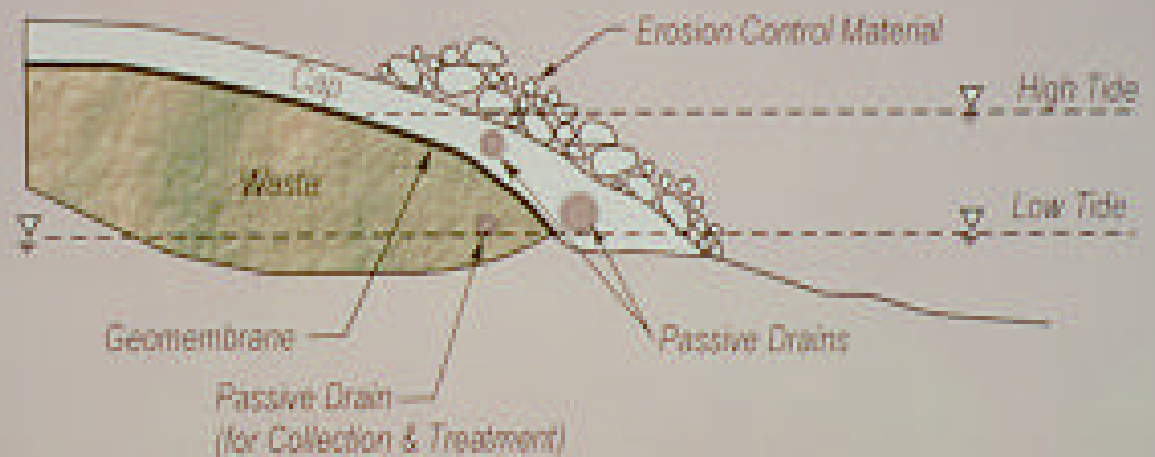
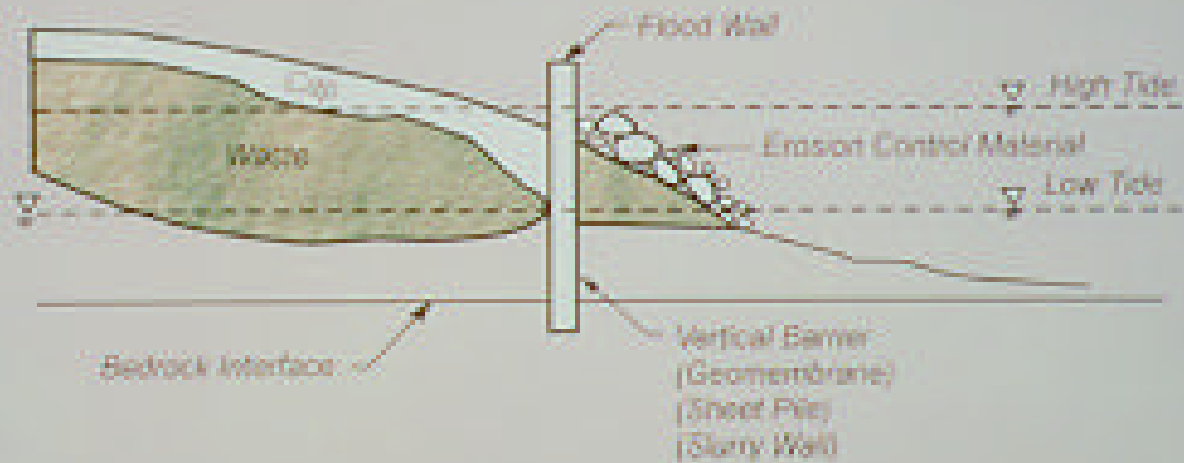
LANDFILL CASE STUDIES
ALLEN HARBOR, RI



ALLEN HARBOR LANDFILL SHORELINE

LANDFILL CASE STUDIES

SHORELINE CAP TERMININATION OPTIONS



LANDFILL CASE STUDIES

ALLEN HARBOR, RI

Site 09 Landfill

Harbor Area

1V on 4H RCRA Landfill Sideslope

Assumed High Tidal Wave Influence
(14 ft.)

Pore Water Pressure Acting on Slope

Moist Sand

Saturated Sand

Piezometric Level Assumed
Within the Slope

Engineered 1V on 3H Riprap Lined Slope

Clayey Silt

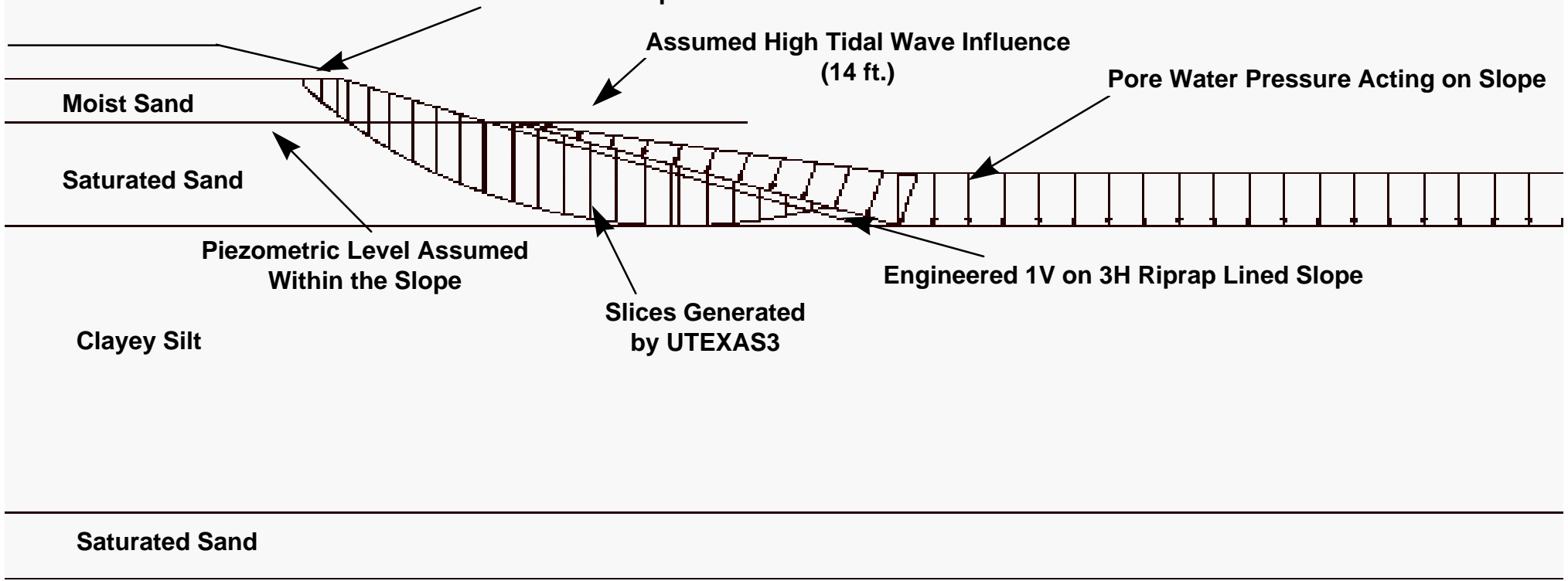
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Saturated Sand

Bedrock

UTEXAS3 SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS

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LANDFILL CASE STUDIES
MACALLISTER POINT, RI



LANDFILL CASE STUDIES
CAMP PENDLETON, CA - STEEP SLOPES



BOX CANYON LANDFILL

LANDFILL CASE STUDIES
CAMP PENDLETON, CA -
BALANCE CUT/FILL USING WASTE MATERIAL



BOX CANYON LANDFILL

LANDFILL CASE STUDIES
WHITE OAK, MD -
STEEP SLOPES



LANDFILL CASE STUDIES
WHITE OAK, MD -
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LANDFILL CASE STUDIES

PAX RIVER, MD

DEVELOP ON-SITE BORROW AREAS



PAX RIVER LANDFILL

SIEVING
OVERSIZED MATERIAL



PAX RIVER LANDFILL

LANDFILL CASE STUDIES
BAINBRIDGE, MD -
CHANNEL FAILURE



BAINBRIDGE RUBBLE LANDFILL



LANDFILL CASE STUDIES
BAINBRIDGE, MD -
EXIT CHANNEL
FAILURE



BAINBRIDGE RUBBLE
LANDFILL

LANDFILL CASE STUDIES
BAINBRIDGE, MD -
SILT FLOW



BAINBRIDGE OLD LANDFILL

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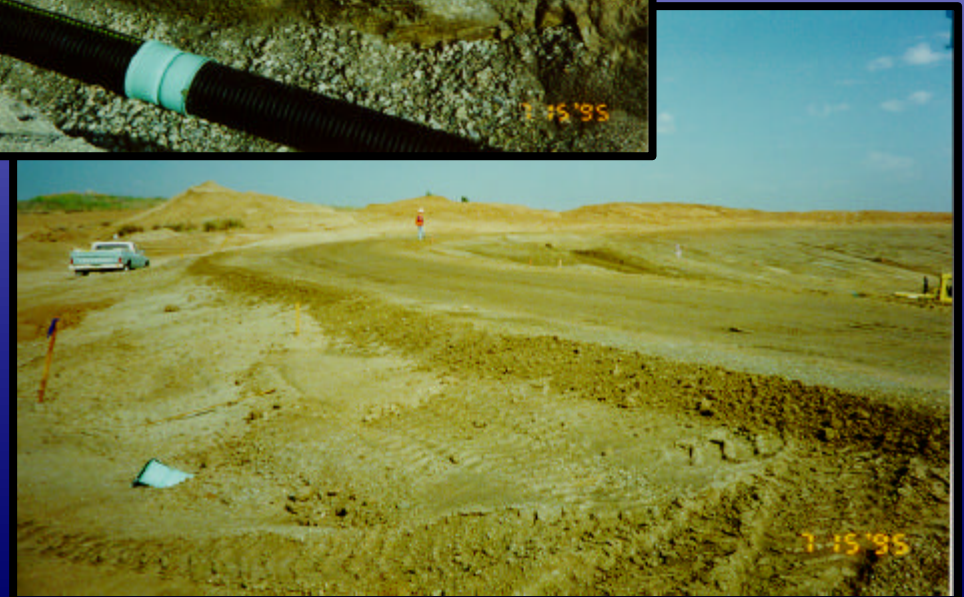
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**GROUNDWATER
SEPARATION/CONTROL**



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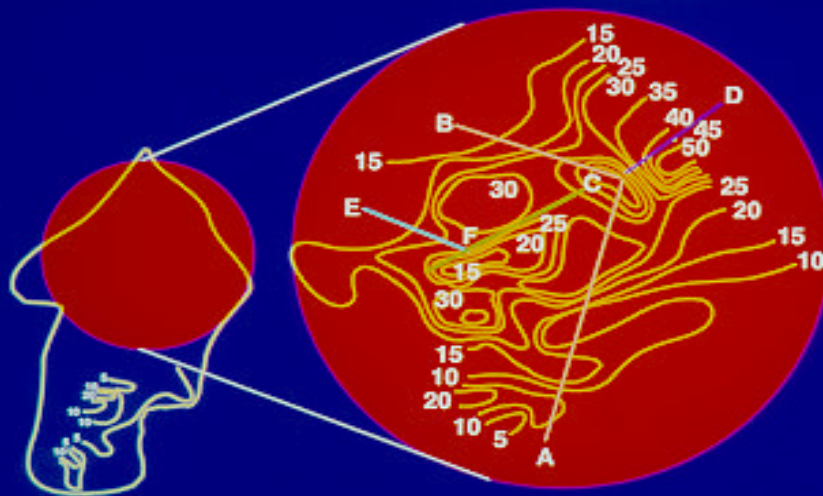
HAMILTON AFB, CA - CLIMATE



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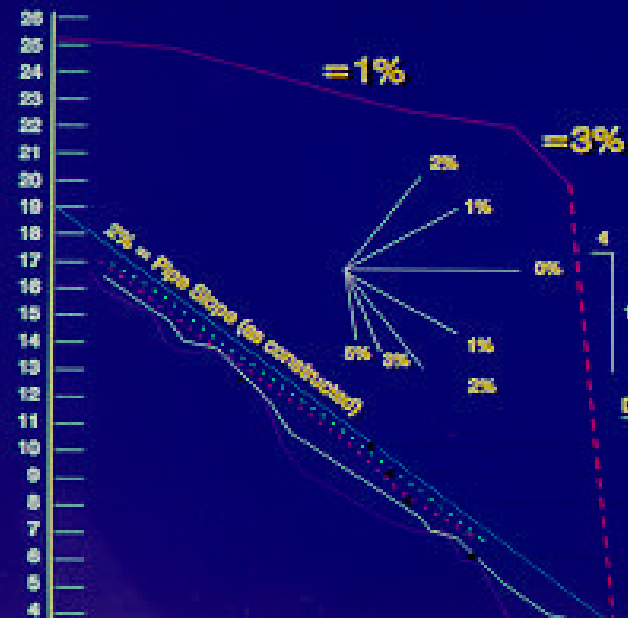
HAMILTON AFB, CA - DESIGN OF INTERNAL DRAINAGE

SETTLEMENT CONTOUR MAP



TOTAL SETTLEMENT CROSS SECTION

0+00 1+00 2+00 3+00 4+00 5+00 6+00 7+00 8+00 9+00



DUE TO FINAL CAP CONFIGURATION:

- Settlement of existing cap material
- Settlement of existing cap and refuse
- Settlement of existing cap, refuse and min. bay mud
- Settlement of existing cap, refuse and max. bay mud

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LANDFILL CASE STUDIES
HAMILTON AFB, CA -
SURFACE DRAINAGE / EROSION CONTROL



SILT FENCE - HAMILTON AFB LANDFILL 26

O&M ISSUES

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- ▶ **Inspections**

- ▶ **Repairs**

- Final Cover System
- Surface Water Management System
- Revegetation

- ▶ **System Management**

- Leachate
- Landfill Gas

O&M ISSUES

- ▶ **Environmental Monitoring Systems**
 - **Groundwater**
 - **Landfill Gas**
 - **Leachate**
 - **Storm Water**
- ▶ **Mowing**
- ▶ **Security**

COST ANALYSIS / COMPARISONS

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CONSTRUCTION COST DATA

Size (acres)	RCRA C	RCRA D
	(\$1,000/acre)	
< 5	1,000	150
5-20	300	100
> 20	200	75

COST ANALYSIS/COMPARISONS

O&M COST DATA

▶ **Assumptions:**

- 10-acre Subtitle D cap
- 30 years O&M
- Inflation rate 3 percent
- Passive Gas Venting System
- No Leachate Management System
- Monitor
 - ▶ Groundwater
 - ▶ Landfill gas
- 3-acre repair in year 16

COST ANALYSIS/COMPARISONS

O&M COST DATA

Item	Low	High
Total Annual Costs	274,000	975,000
Repair	7,000	28,000
Post-Closure Certification	\$ 15,000-35,000	\$ 100,000-236,000
Total Cost	\$296,000-316,000	\$1,103,000-1,239,000

Source: Nickodem, Andrew F., Vlastic, David S., and Menoff, Steven D., *Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Future Costs Not To Be Forgotten*, Waste Age, April 1996, p. 57-72.

SUMMARY

- ▶ **Capping will continue to be a viable cost-effective remediation option.**
- ▶ **All capping alternatives should be evaluated.**
- ▶ **Good cap designs should incorporate innovative technologies.**

SUMMARY

- ▶ Cap construction failures are costly
- ▶
- ▶
- ▶ O&M costs must be recognized